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Ready to roll. These mini buses will be used to provide transportation for Head Start students at Eufaula and Yeager.

This program provided by Creek Nation will begin Feb. 12.

Creek Nation Receives HUD Grant

Capitol Complex - (Okmulgee, Creek Nation) Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, announced that the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has awarded the Creek Nation a Community Development Block Grant totaling \$300,000.

According to Gary Breshears, Executive Director of the Creek Nation, the funds will be used to construct two community centers to be located in Okemah and Wetumka. These centers will be available for tribal programs and use by the organized Indian com-

munities of the two areas.

In addition, the Creek Nation will provide housing rehabilitation to 34 Indian residences in the Yardeka and Nuyaka Indian Communities.

Chief Cox stated that this program was developed in accordance with the Creek Nation's emphasis on providing services to the Indian people at the community level.

Information concerning this program can be attained by contacting Steve Wilson, Creek Nation Division of Community Services, telephone 918-756-8700.



This prize-winning photo typifies the weather during January. The photographer, Tony Hale, is now with the MNN staff.

Executive Director Named

Capitol Complex - (Okmulgee, Creek Nation) Principal Chief Claude A. Cox has announced that Gary Breshears has been named Executive Director of the Creek Nation.

Breshears, a native of Muskogee, Oklahoma, had served since 1976 as Director of the Creek Nation's Division of Community Services and was instrumental in the development of the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah,

Oklahoma.

After serving as an infantry squad leader in Vietnam in 1967, Breshears attended Northeastern Oklahoma State University and received a degree in psychology and sociology. Awarded a National Institute of Mental Health Traineeship in clinical psychology, Breshears received his graduate training at Oklahoma State University.

Prior to employment with the Creek Nation, Breshears was a psychologist with the Guidance Center Division of the Oklahoma State Department of Health in Muskogee and Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He has also served as a consultant to numerous tribes and government agencies throughout the United States in the areas of social, health, mental health, and educational services.

Gary Breshears resides in Muskogee with his wife, Judy and two children, Trent and Laura.



New Executive Director -- Gary Breshears

Chief Cautions About Racetrack

Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, responded to news stories involving the Oklahoma Horsemen's Association and proposals to develop a racetrack on tribal lands. Stories surfaced earlier this week that a Creek tribal town, Thlopthlocco, might consider the proposal.

Chief Cox stated that while tribal land is exempt in many cases from state laws, the administration of the Creek Nation has never discussed nor considered any proposal from the Oklahoma Horsemen's

Association.

According to Gary Breshears, Creek Nation Executive Director, the tribal government has pursued the development of health, social, and educational programs and economic development in other areas not related to parimutuel betting.

Chief Cox warned that any parimutuel betting proposal should be approached with caution by other tribal governments and that Indian leaders must take action that will be in the best interests of Indian people.

Tribal Hunting & Fishing Rights

BY RICHARD
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Research Analyst

The issue of tribal hunting and fishing rights is one of historical importance to the aboriginal peoples in North America and subsistence by hunting and fishing continues to be a facet of life for Indian tribes and their individual members in the 20th century.

The right of a tribal Indian to hunt or fish is often restricted by tribal law and custom, with federal and state laws being additional limitations. Though hunting and fishing laws limit the individual right, the absence of law (and, specifically, the lack of tribal law) serves to deprive the individual Indian of the protection and benefits which restrictions can provide. On March 31, 1978, the United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma rendered a decision which affected two Indian tribes situated in Western Oklahoma and possibly all tribes residing in Oklahoma.

The suit, titled **Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma vs. The State of Oklahoma**, was brought by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes for declaratory judgement (type of court decision which does not deal with a specific dispute but settles a question of law) on the question of what their

rights were to hunt and fish on the Cheyenne-Arapaho reservation and if those rights could be exercised free from state interference. The decision, briefly stated, held that because the two tribes did not regulate hunting and fishing by a tribal code or laws the State of Oklahoma's laws would apply to their hunting activities. The net affect of the decision is that Cheyenne-Arapaho members must abide by state hunting and fishing regulations; should a Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal member violate state law, he or she may be prosecuted in federal district court with a state sentence applying upon conviction for a violation.

The issue of (Muscogee) Creek hunting and fishing rights is rarely discussed, although the development of a tribal position is underway for presentation to (Muscogee) Creek tribal members. Such a position must take into account the tribes' unique history. Thus, the Cheyenne-Arapaho decision discussed above may not apply to the Creek Tribe for several reasons: 1) The area occupied by the (Muscogee) Creek Tribe was allotted to individual tribal members between 1899-1906, but was never extinguished (The Cheyenne-Arapaho Reservation was extinguished in 1891).

2) Creek Treaty rights, (Cont. Pg. 3)



Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I want to say I don't have anyway to pay for what I ask, but will you put this in your newspaper? A twenty-two year Indian inmate in prison seeks correspondence from any willing females who wish to write. If you can put this in your paper it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You,
Duncan Sampson
Box No. 607
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Child-Welfare Act Excludes Mormon's

The Indian Child Welfare Act, aimed at restricting the placement of Indian children in non-Indian foster and adoptive homes, will not affect the Mormon church's student placement program which places Indian children with Mormon families for the nine months of the school year.

According to a recent report in the **New York Times**, the exemption of the program from the

bill's restrictions was not an accident.

The **Times** quotes Senator James Abourezk as saying: "We exempted it on purpose and out of necessity. There would have been one hell of a political fight if we hadn't."

The **Times** said that proponents of the bill feared that without the exemption, the strong Mormon lobby could have caused its defeat.

National Wildlife Proposed

A National Wildlife Refuge is being proposed on lands along the Deep Fork River in Oklahoma. The refuge proposes to utilize all lands within approximately one mile on either side of the river, from East of Stroud to South of Beggs.

Many of the landowners are very upset at this proposal and are at present circulating petitions.

The tribal staff of the Creek Nation have estimated that around 1,800 acres of the 36,200 acre project is restricted Indian land. Along with the restricted Indian Land an Indian Church, which was located at its present location prior to 1884, will be affected if the proposed project is approved.

Principal Chief Claude Cox has announced that Creek landowners in the area should contact the tribal offices by phone or by mail so a meeting can be arranged. At this meeting, tribal staff will explain the situation and the options available. Interested tribal members will be involved in any decisions made regarding action by the tribe.

Address and phone number for the tribe are, Creek Nation Complex P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. Ph. 918-756-8500.



Montezuma Indian Baptist Church may have to move its location if the proposed

wildlife refuge is approved. The church has been here prior to 1884.

Guest Editorial

I am an American Indian.

That makes me a member of a Minority group.

I love the Indian World.

I enjoy helping to make it work.

I'm proud of what it has done for America, and I intend to help make it do more. But there are things about the Indian World that are troubling me.

One of the major ones is our almost unbroken silence at a time when we should be speaking up on a whole range of problems and issues.

Yet, I and most of my fellow Indians are among America's most skilled practitioners of the art of speaking up -- to our fellow Indians.

When I let off steam about the federal, state, country and city governments or whatever to other Indians, I get a warm feeling. I feel secure, and I know the other guys feel secure because we are speaking the same language. I have reasonable assurance of agreement from a sympathetic audience, and so does the other Indian. And we both enjoy the illusion of having spoken our piece.

But usually in the back of my mind is the knowledge that other people -- both inside and outside our Indian system -- go uninformed. I'm sure that most of them don't even know what the system is. I'm sure that most of them don't know whether proposed changes in the system are good or bad or how their lives will be affected. I'm

sure, too, that without much knowledge of the system, most people are prone to be easily swayed by the loudest, most persistent voices. And I know that those loudest, most persistent voices are not coming from knowledgeable Indians. (After all we Indians are too busy muttering into each other's ears and shooting down one another.)

So is it any wonder that voices from people in government, on the street and others outside are major minded-shapers and forces for change in the Indian world? And of course, government in particular goes on its merry way without much fear of a fight from American Indians, no matter what the various governments do.

It bothers me to think that a lot of harm to Indians could have been avoided completely if only my Indian friends and I had behaved differently.

If I had only taken my thoughts and arguments to Congress, state legislature, county supervisors, city councilmen and the general public via the press, via speeches, via advertising, via any means at my command, I feel sure that I would have a big bank of sympathy out there. Then, I think that any threat to Indians would go unnoticed.

If I and my fellow tribesmen had only adopted a feisty attitude, I think things would and will be different. If any advocate of change had been assured a con-

tinuing, widespread, hot vocal reception unless his program was thoroughly worked out and clearly a change for the better, I think a lot of dumb programs would never have surfaced. And I think that many a flaky idea, as yet unformed, would never surface in the future.

I know that by talking too much with other of my own kind, I have kept myself from giving American Indians the kind of support it's hurting for.

So how long will I continue to be a silent majority?

I am turn around tomorrow and start to become a very vocal one. Or I may get so quickly reabsorbed in business as usual that I let the whole matter fade away to the back of my mind.

But if that happens, I'll have at least one person to blame for whatever harm befalls Indians in the future.

And I will be that person.

Who am I?

I am YOU.

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Seminole Score Victory

An editorial in *The Miami Herald* hailed the recent court decision supporting the Seminole Tribe's right to sell tax-free cigarettes.

Though it cost Florida cities and counties about \$3.5 million in tax revenue, the newspaper said: "... Was it a victory for the consumer and the underdog Indian or was it a defeat for the overextended taxpayer?"

We have to agree with the court. The Seminole cigarette trade may cost money in taxes, but at the same time it generates jobs and money for the Seminoles who spend that money and in turn generate jobs and money for others.

The ruling is both practical and inspiring. It is practical because the heavy sale of cigarettes will have a positive impact on the community. It is inspiring because the victorious underdog, that vanishing breed in northern America, was long overdue for a win."

Letter To Editor:

Cry For Unity

"Without a vision the people perish."

Being a learner and novice concerning tribal government endeavors. The writer finds himself in a whirlwind of confusion when he considers the complex functions of Federal involvement in tribal programs. He is most happy to find capable qualified people well able to handle such functions in the Peoples Nation.

In regard to the title of this article and its potential the writer confesses also only a recent awareness and awakening. To me as a tribal member it conveys an air of immediate urgency and great importance. The statement below the title I believe is equally, if not more important for there must be a vision in which we as a native people must realize our sovereignty for the continuity of the People. A vision for survival which will require Unity, above all "Unity," a Unity such as this nation possessed "Once upon a time."

There is a story, it is not myth, but truth, fact and history as far as our people are concerned. It yet remains (the writer was hard put for a beginning) "Once upon a time" there was a great Nation of People upon the Land and the People cared for the land. They were content. Mighty and proud were these People for their Wise Ones were unsurpassed in wisdom. Their morals were not undisciplined, for indeed these were a righteous people. Spiritual devotion was a guidance to every phase of livelihood.

Under the Sovereignty of the Peoples of Muscogee were some 16 Bands or Nations. These were the Apalachicola, Hitchiti, Ocmulgee, Sowokli, Chiaha, Asochi, Yuchi, Alabama, Tawasa, Pawotke, Muklasa, Koasati, Tuskgee, Shawnee, Guale and Yamasee. These were people gifted, gifted with the Spirit of Unity and organization. This was the Peoples Nation "Once upon a time."

One day the Aggressor came and the Peoples defended themselves mightily. Seemingly

gifted also -- with military prowess, the people resisted and routed the recurring invasions of the aggressors. Beginning in 1528 with the Spanish armies of Panfilo Narvaez, the People successfully resisted the attempted invasions by different aggressors. The English, French and Americans tried for a Period of 304 years until 1832 to pull down the Sovereign power of the People. Finally Sovereignty corrupted and fell by the wiles of the aggressor and the now weakened condition of the People.

Sovereignty has been somewhat shackled for about 146 years. Not only by outside forces, but by factions within. We as a People must regain as a whole a Spirit of True Unity and exercise more forcefully the character of that Spirit which entails wisdom and devotion to God. It is the writers belief that these are the People's Inheritance, part of our genetic make-up and a duty to God and man for us as a people to rediscover fully the power of these virtues.

We are all presently gathered in the momentum of so-called progress and materialistic advances have taken many priorities. Shall we be blind, without sight? NO! We will not be insensitive to the Unity and Sovereignty that is vitally important to us as a People. I am confident that if we as individuals who now pride ourselves having certain stabilities will also as a Nation exercise the same confidence.

"Without a vision the People perish."

The vision can only come and that by every individual of the Peoples Nation allowing the Spirit of Unity to be fully kindled in them. To be unconcerned is to remain in the grave of cold materialistic endeavors. To seek the vision is to receive the Spirit of Unity and Brotherhood. To resurrect with the sovereignty that is for the good of the Peoples Nation.

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Communities Attend Workshop

A Consumer Education Conference was held in the Council Room of the Creek Nation Complex, January 19. The conference was held by the Consumer Education Department of the Creek Nation.

The conference, which lasted all day, covered such topics as: Our Part in the American Economy, Changes in the Food Stamp Program, Consumer Rights and what you should know about contracts, and Money Management.

Speaking at the conference were Dr. Constance VanScoy, an

Assistant Professor of Economics at Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, Margaret L. Hernasy, an Outreach Specialist for the Food Stamp Outreach Program, Charles J. Chibitty, Jr., a self-employed attorney in Tulsa, and Iwanna Bonnaha, counselor in the Tulsa School System.

The conference was designed to make the Creek People more aware of their consumer rights.

The conference was attended by approximately 100 people from around the Creek Nation.

Romig Completes For Entrance

(Washington, D.C.) Fifth District Congressman Joe Skubity (R-Kan) announced that he has chosen 15 young men and women as his nominees for appointment to the U.S. Service Academies in 1979.

The nominees will now vie for admission to the Air Force, the Merchant Marine, the Military or the Naval Academy, since Skubity nominees are admitted to the Academies on a competitive basis.

Among those nominated was Douglas D. Romig, a Creek Indian from Caney, Kansas. Romig was recommended for nomination by Principal Creek Chief Claude Cox. Chief Cox has also helped other young people of Creek descent gain entrance to the U.S. Academies.

Income Tax Assistance; Adult Ed

The Creek Nation Adult Education Department in Okmulgee is offering free services to assist families with an annual income of \$8,000.00 or less file their 1979 federal tax return.

These services are available at either the Adult Ed. offices or at the requesting community.

The Adult Education Department now have G.E.D. classes at the following places:

Oakdale 1:00-5:00 daily.

Evening classes by arrangement.

Muskogee 9:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Glenpool 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday.

Twin Hills 1:30-4:00 p.m. Thursdays.

Checotah 7:00-9:00 p.m. Tuesday.

These classes are still open for enrolment.

Upon request the Adult Ed. Department can also offer "Life Coping Skills" classes. These classes include subjects such as typing, shorthand, woodworking, cooking, sewing, etc.

More information may be obtained by calling the Creek Nation Adult Education Department, 756-8800 or by writing Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Head Start To Begin, Feb. 12

Staff orientation was held Friday for the teaching staff of the Yeager and Eufaula Head Start. The Head Start Director is Geri Berryhill, and the Secretary is Linda Zientek. The Eufaula Staff is Janet Lee, Head Teacher James Fish, Millie Colbert, Teachers, and Minnie Manley and Bobbie Barnes as Teachers Aids.

The Yeager staff is Jane McKane, Head Teacher, Sylvanna Smith, Betty Smith, and Patricia Simpson, as Teachers, and Josephine Harjo, Mahaley Harjo, Pat Lincoln, and Geneva Larney as Teacher Aids.

The Staff presently is setting up classrooms with classroom equipment, ordering classroom supplies, developing curriculum, and writing lesson plans, and accepting application for enrolment. Classes are scheduled to open February 12, 1979 at both centers. Renovations for each site are being completed.

Children 3, 4, and 5 years of age are to be served breakfast, hot lunch, and snacks. Transportation will also be provided. Health services such as testing, screening, treatment, and follow-up will also be provided.

Weatherization Slowed By Weather

The Creek Nation ANA Weatherization Program is into its fourth month of activity and January seems to be its slowest. Icy roads and cold weather have apparently had the upper hand and the Weatherization work crew has had to ride out the storms before resuming its schedule.

The communities of Okmulgee and Hanna have been completed except for the installation of storm windows

because of a 5 week waiting period before delivery. Temporary window plastic was installed for the time being.

The Coweta Community will soon see the homes of Eugene Buckett, John Chalakee, Nannie Chalakee and Yvonne Sweet served under this program. Also scheduled soon is Twin Hills, Duck Creek, Kellyville, and Morris Communities.



Charles J. Chibitty, an attorney from Tulsa, was one of the speakers during a

day long consumer education workshop at the Creek Complex, January 19.

Lighthouse Administration Gets Job Done

The term "lighthouse" is a familiar one in connection with "Light Horse Harry," a nickname conferred upon General Henry Lee, because of the great rapidity of his cavalry movements during the Revolutionary War. This expression was also a common one in the Indian Territory when the Five Civilized Tribes were equipped with a body of men known as the "Lighthouse" who served as mounted police force. The name appears frequently in the law books of the different nations as acts were passed directing the organization of such bodies of men to carry out the laws, the length of terms they were to serve, the funds appropriated to pay for their services, the number of men in each body and the captains who commanded them. The Lighthorsemen were given considerable latitude in enforcing the judgements of the court as much reliance was placed upon their discretions.

When the authority of the Creek Government diminished around the turn of the century, so did the authority of "The Lighthouse Administration." Now that the Creek Government has once again begun to function, and

with the acquisition of tribal land and property the need for a security force has again arisen.

Although the authority of the present day Lighthouse Administration is far from the original Lighthouse officers who often made their own arrests and often carried out the punishment, they still get the job done.

Two of the biggest differences of the old and new administration is the use of automobiles instead of horses, and the use of electronic devices, such as, two-way radios, instead of weapons. Much of the duties of the officers now consist of checking doors and windows, checking cars and machinery, and questioning any suspicious persons.

Stan Wells, head supervisor for the Lighthouse Administration, helped reestablish the present

security force. When Stan started working at the Creek Nation the security force consisted of 3 people working 12 hour shifts. Security now has 16 officers and at one time employed 66 persons. Vandalism and break-ins were the biggest problems prior to the establishment of the present security. Now these problems have all but vanished.

Training his staff himself, Stan orientates his officers in the areas of first aid, radio and telephone communications, self-defense, crime scene preservation, and investigational procedures.

The officers do not carry any weapons but are equipped with two-way radios which are to be used in case of any disturbances. Working with the local authorities in cases of emergencies the use of weapons is not necessary.



EDWARD MOORE

Creek Reservist Retires

Announcement has been made of the recent retirement from the U.S. Army Reserve of Colonel Edwin S. Moore of Muskogee concluding a military career of almost 38 years.

Moore began his military career by enlisting as a Private in Co. "C", 180th Infantry, Oklahoma National Guard in October, 1934. During World War II he served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater of operations for 15 months as an Infantry Unit Commander with the Americal Division of the Army.

He is a graduate of the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was commissioned a

Infantry. He is also a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Among awards he holds are the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star Medal, and the meritorious Service Award.

Moore is a member of the Creek Tribe and a graduate of Oklahoma State University. In civilian employment he serves as Assistant Area Director (Education) with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Area Office in Muskogee. He is married to the former Sallie Beaver of Okmulgee, also a member of the Creek Tribe. They have three sons, one daughter, and nine grandchildren.

Kiowa-Creek; Bacone Princess

Terri Anquoe, a Kiowa-Creek from Oklahoma City, has been chosen 1978-79 Warrior Princess at Bacone College. As princess, Terri will represent the school and be featured in the college yearbook. She was crowned Friday, December 1 in a special ceremony preceding a dance to celebrate the event.

Terri is a member of the Native American Intertribal Dancers and is a cheerleader for the

college. During her spare time she likes to participate in powwows. A math and business major, Terri is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Anquoe of Oklahoma City.

Other members of Princess Terri's royal party include: Connie Dunavin, maid-of-honor; B. J. Law, first attendant; Beth Bynum, second attendant; and Elsie Becenti, third attendant.



(TOP) Stan Wells, Supervisor (BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT) A. Bunny, J. Harjo, A. Tecumseh, J. Fixico, N. Harjo,

A. Emerson, B. Lewis, G. Landsberry, J. Givens, E. Jones, E. Whitlow, D. Harjo, B. Smith, S. Fields, Santa Claus.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Senior Citizens Organization Successful

Probably one of the most successful and unique efforts of the Okmulgee Indian Community is the organization of their Senior Citizens. The Okmulgee Indian Senior Citizens Organization was first brought about by the joint efforts of the community coordinator Rebecca Autaubo and the CHR Chiquita Juneau, in the fall of 1977.

What first began as a monthly dinner for the Senior Citizens with Rebecca and the aides helping with transportation and covered dishes, soon became an

organization with Mahalie Chalakee as chairperson, Mary Jones as secretary, and Martha Chalakee as treasurer. The organization has a membership of 35, with 23 who regularly attend the monthly dinner meeting.

The O.I.S.C.O. hold their meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month, a door prize is given out at each meeting. Every month there is something different scheduled, the activities include guest speakers, arts and crafts, fund raising events, visiting shut-ins, and outings. One of the recent outings was to a seminar

in Tahlequah, which several members attended.

The O.I.S.C.O. has been invited to attend a program in Henryetta along with other Senior Citizen groups of Oklahoma. They plan to sing Creek Hymns at the program.

Their group is always willing to donate and help when they can, and invite other Senior Citizens, and visitors to their meeting Jan. 25.

They are a great asset and very much appreciated by the Okmulgee Indian Community.

Morris Community

The Morris Community has two workers employed at present, they are Doris Roanhorse coordinator, and Lillian Washington, aide. We hope to serve the Morris Community to the best of our capacity, and if anyone needs help, call 733-

Gerald Rabbit, who is in the service and stationed in Coronado, Cal. is home for the Christmas holidays and staying with his father who resides at 206 N. A St., in Morris.

On Dec. 11 we held a food sale at the Complex and raised \$117.00. On Dec. 16 we held a food sale and bingo and did very well on that too our next bingo will be announced and we are inviting everyone to come out and join us. On Dec. 21, the members will be packing a food basket for the elderly members of our community for Christmas.

We would like to say a very special thank you and very very Merry

Christmas to Bessie Nevaquayah who has volunteered her time and help to every function we held for the community.

The Morris High School and Jr. High football teams did very well this year and the Morris Indian Community would like to recognize and honor the Indian athletics on the team. We were very proud of them and was behind them 100 percent. They were No. 23 Dion Washington, son of Robert and Irene Washington. No. 41 Kip Johnson, son of Keeper and Martha Johnson. No. 42 Darrell Tarpolechee, son of Henryetta and Elizabeth Tarpolechee, No. 43 Jesse Long, son of William and Bertha Long, No. 82 Mike Harjo, son of Josh and Ramona Harjo, No. 85 Kenneth Messer, son of Edna and Bruce Messer, and George Dunn, son of Wesley and Joann Dunn.

The Morris team played 13 games without a loss, and lost one game in the finals to Commerce.

Celia (Freeman) Berryhill Honored

The Okmulgee Indian Community and the family of Celia Freeman Berryhill would like to honor her in this month's issue of the Muscogee Nation News.

On January 12, Celia was 89 years old, a birthday dinner was given by granddaughters, Geri Berryhill, Odette Freeman, and Anita Tecumseh.

Celia is the oldest member of the community and of New Town Church. She was born in the southwest area of Okmulgee and has lived here all her life.

In 1905 she was married to Rev. Harrison L. Berryhill, together they had nine children Johnson, Lewis, Abby (Lira), Ben, Aaron, Neffie, Elsie (Douglas), Unah, and Hepsey (Freeman).

Celia still lives in the same house that Harrison built and all their children were born in.

She is from the Tribal Town of Coweta, and is of the Aligator clan.

Celia has 27 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren at last count.



Community Aides Help With Dinner



Okmulgee Indian Senior Citizens Organization



Bigham

The Bigham Community held their monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. Edna Yahola on Friday night Jan. 12. The Okemah coordinator Alice Watson, was their speaker.

Elliot Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Scott and a third grade student at Okemah, was selected to be "student of the day" on Friday, Jan. 19. Also on Wednesday, Jan. 24, he will display pictures, articles, original hand-crafts or any items which display the child's interest or abilities.

The Bigham and Okemah Community workers have been busy cutting wood for the elderly.

George Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Scott will be returning to East Central at Ada, on the 19th for enrolment, for the spring semester. Also Allan Scott who is presently employed in Okla. City, OK at a Lumber Co. will also be attending college, he was a summer youth worker for the Okemah Community.

The officers for Bigham community are as follows: Chairman, Mose Scott; Vice-Chairman, Tom Yahola; Secretary, LaDonna Sharp; Treasurer, Paul Jimboy. The Bigham Community coordinator is Elouise Scott.

The Okmulgee Indian community is sponsoring a Valentines Sweetheart Contest. Anyone wishing to register their child or that would like to have more information call the center at 756-2597 or Thelma Harjo at 756-7871. The deadline is Feb. 11, 1979.

Coordinators Meeting

During the Jan. 22 Community Coordinators meeting, Steve announced that 1,100 units of garden seeds will be distributed among the communities. Anyone wishing to receive garden seeds this spring, should contact their coordinator.

To insure the proper care of equipment and the safety of the community workers, equipment training and protection classes will be scheduled

for the community workers in the near future.

Pat Presson, head of the Man Power Office at Creek Nation, is helping the Cherokee Nation fill job corp slots, anyone wishing job information can contact her, at 756-8500.

Athletic Association meetings and Festival meetings are scheduled for each Saturday of the month, at the Complex.

Special Thanks

Douglas and Loretta (McKay) Freeman wish to thank each and every individual, community, and organization that has helped with clothing, home furnishings, etc. contributed to them after the burning of their home on Jan. 2, 1979. If anyone desires to contribute further items, please turn them in to Steve Wilson at the Tribal Complex. The family is now residing temporarily in Sapulpa.

Okmulgee

The O.I.C. held a bingo at our last meeting, which went fairly well, several member's from the Morris community attended, we hope they enjoyed themselves.

Madga Simms from Sapulpa won the \$50.00 food basket drawing.

Again we elected a new treasurer, Thelma Harjo now holds the position.

The Senior Citizens held their monthly meeting Dec. 27, their next meeting will be Jan. 25th, new members and visitors are welcomed.

We still have a rummage sale daily at the center.

At our next meeting Feb. 12, we will have a Valentines party.

Our community has chosen Creative Arts as the next class. Classes will start Jan. 25th, at Oakdale, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Coweta

Starting Tuesday Jan. 23rd at 12:00 the Coweta Community will start their Arts and Crafts class.

This nine weeks class

covers beadwork which will be held in the community building at the end of west Chestnut. Anyone over 16 years of age, and 1/2 Indian may attend.

The G.E.D. classes will start Monday, Feb. 12, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 and Monday night from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Those wishing to attend may contact Pam Withers 486-5790 or Brenda Roberts 486-5983, between the hours of 8:00 to 4:30.

Twin Hills

One of the Twin Hills community members has recently returned home after having undergone eye surgery, we wish Mabel Grayson a speedy recovery.

Our community is planning to have birthday dinners each month for the members whose birthday are in that month. Our first dinner will be held in January.

The Mobile Clinic is scheduled to be at Concharty Church every Friday, but sometimes it doesn't make so if you plan to use the mobile clinic it would be a good idea to check with the community coordinator Dianna Billie, to make sure it will be there.



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National Indian News

BIA To Draft Child Welfare Regulations

Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard said today the Bureau of Indian Affairs plans to have draft regulations for the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1979 ready for comment by January 31, 1979.

The Act, which was passed during the last session of Congress, requires that regulations be published within 180 days.

He said when the draft regulations are completed they will be made available to both on and off-reservation Indian people as well as the general public for comment and consultation.

Gerard said that because of the extremely short time frames the BIA issued a request on January 9 for bids from interested Indian organizations to hold a series of public hearings. These will be held during the month of February and will constitute the consultation process for the draft regulations.

There will be a total of 12 hearings throughout the United States in Alaska, the Pacific

Northwest, California, Arizona (2 hearings), Montana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Minnesota, the Southeast and the Northeast parts of the U.S. Each contractor will hold six hearings, and will prepare summaries of the hearings and will submit recommended draft regulations to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Gerard said the target date for publication of the proposed regulations is mid-March, and there will be the usual period of time for comment. He said the publication of final regulations by May 1, 1979 will meet the 180 day requirement of the Act.

The Assistant Secretary said it is his judgement that the final regulations, to be published in May, will be subject to some revision in the next year or two because of the importance of the legislation.

He said also some revision may be necessary after the Act is funded and the implementation process begins.

NORMAN -- An Energy Institute to acquaint college students with the problems associated with the development of Indian-owned energy resources will be offered in the summer by the University of Oklahoma.

Interested students from Oklahoma and other states are asked to apply by March 1. The institute will be held from June 1 through July 28 and is offered by the OU College of Engineering FATE (First Americans -- Tomorrow's Engineers) Programs.

The OU program offered its first Energy Institute last summer. Thirty-three students from 11 states and 21

Indian tribes participated. This summer's program will accommodate at least 30 students. Students interested in attending should have attained at least sophomore standing.

The economic, technical, legal and environmental problems involved in resource development of Indian lands will be examined in the course, which will be taught by George Thomas, director of the FATE Programs, and Dr. Phil Lujan, OU director of Native American studies. The students will earn six credit hours, three each from the College of Engineering and Native American Studies

through the Department of Communication.

The course involves lectures and presentations by experts from industry, government and tribal governments. Last year's lecturers came from the Los Alamos Scientific Lab, Argonne National Lab, Kerr McGee Coal Corp., the Council of Energy Resource Tribes, Crow Agency and Navajo Nation.

For additional information, interested students may call (405) 325-2621, or write FATE Energy Institute, College of Engineering, University of Oklahoma, 202 W. Boyd St., Norman, Okla. 73019.



White House Representative

Dick Pettigrew, President Carter's assistant for reorganization of the Federal Government, told participants at NCAI's Executive Council meeting January 17 that President Carter has not yet decided whether he will recommend the transfer of BIA Indian education programs to the new Department of Education.

He said that specifically, but everything else he said indicated that he and the White House staff working on Government reorganization thought the transfer should be made.

Pettigrew admitted that there had been inadequate consultation of Indian community on this issue last year -- when the great majority of Indian tribal groups fought the Administration's efforts.

Pettigrew said,

however, that this inadequacy had been corrected. Lucy Covington, of the Colville Tribes told Pettigrew that consultation would never be adequate as long as the White House chose the consultees instead of letting the Indian tribes and the Indian community pick the people who would speak for them.

Another Indian said that consultation meant nothing if they only accepted statements supporting their positions.

About the transfer of Indian education, Pettigrew said he thought BIA could not give enough attention to education when it also had to be concerned about water rights and all the other Indian issues.

He said that in the new department it would receive the visibility, attention and resources it should have, including the creation of another Indian Assistant Secretary.

White House Message

When Presidential aide Anne Wexler spoke at the NCAI Executive Council meeting in Washington, D.C., Jan. 16-18, the reaction of Indian participants was not enthusiastic.

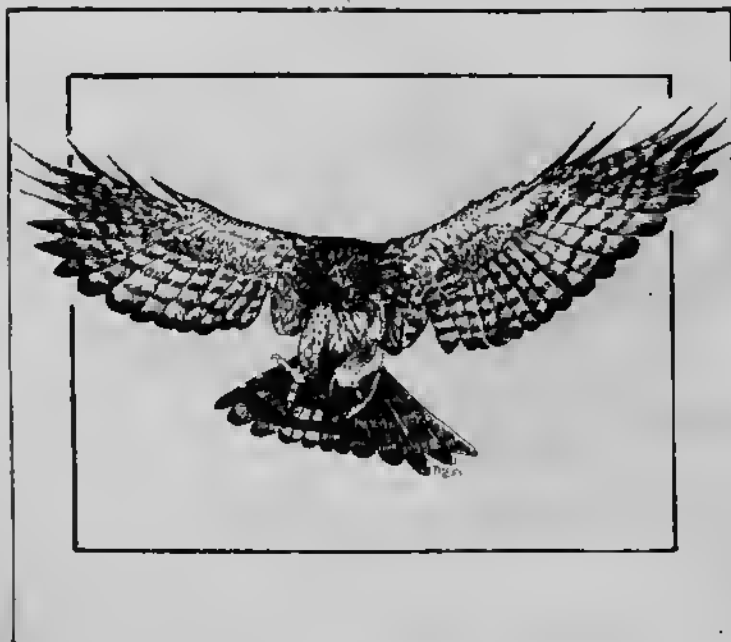
Wexler said that President Carter "is sensitive and knowledgeable about Indian concerns," that he supports the policy of Indian self-determination and is committed "to honor this country's legal and moral responsibilities to American Indians."

She also said that the President's anti-inflation budget, to be presented to Congress Jan. 22, was indeed going to be a very tight one.

Wexler said she could not reveal details of the Indian portion of the budget prior to the President's budget statement, but she noted that inflation is most hurtful to the poor -- which would include the Indians.

"By limiting Federal spending," she said, "we will help to reduce the inflation rate."

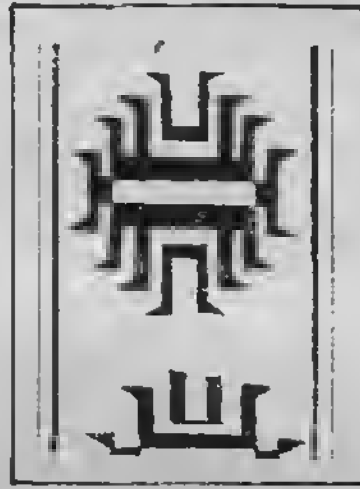
NCAI President Veronica Murdock told Wexler that Indian leaders wanted to talk with President Carter "across the table" on water policy and other issues.



Anti-Indian Group Answers Questions

Representatives of the Interstate Congress for Equal Rights and Responsibilities (ICERR), a group generally described as "anti-Indian," accepted an invitation from the National Congress of American Indians to come in from Montana and Washington State to participate in NCAI's

Executive Council meeting in Washington, D.C. Jan. 16-18. The ICERR group made a presentation and answered questions. According to the reports received, there were no conversions made in either direction and discussions remained civil and courteous throughout.



Helping The Alcoholic

The alcoholic has one primary motive in his life -- to continue his drinking. And continue he does, in spite of the please, protest, threats and admonitions of those who love him. All that the family and friends do to get the alcoholic to stop drinking usually fails. The reason for such lack of success is mainly two fold: first, the alcoholic does not have a "reason" to stop, and second, families and friends of-

ten, unknowingly and unintentionally, respond in a way that actually causes the alcoholic to continue his behavior.

Manipulation is the tool the alcoholic uses very effectively to "protect" his drinking behavior and to "control" his family and friends. Two primary weapons are used by the alcoholic to shield him from the consequences of his drinking. The first weapon is the ability to provoke anger. If the family member or friend becomes angry in response to the alcoholic's behavior their capacity to help is diminished. If the alcoholic is confronted angrily he will use this to justify in his own mind his drinking and use this as an excuse to continue the behavior. Thus, the effect of the response is the opposite of what the family member or friend wanted to accomplish.

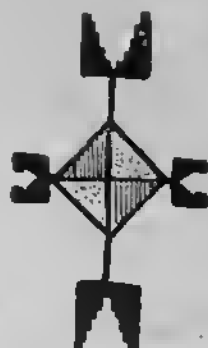
A second weapon which the alcoholic effectively uses to manipulate others and thereby continue his drinking is his ability to arouse anxiety. Usually when the alcoholic, because of his drinking, gets arrested, writes bad checks, risks losing his job, etc., the family becomes anxious and rescues him. They will bail him out of jail, redeem the bad checks, report to his employer that he is sick rather than drunk. In short this rescuing removes from the alcoholic the consequences of his drinking. And as long as this continues there is no reason

for the alcoholic to stop drinking. There is also another danger here. What the family anxiously tries to protect and preserve is the family's reputation, financial status, the alcoholic's job, will sooner or later be lost anyway unless he stops drinking.

With the chronic alcoholic the only important issue is stopping the drinking. The most effective way to do this is to make the alcoholic responsible for his own behavior and the consequences of it.

This necessitates two things. First, the alcoholic must be given the freedom to do whatever he wants to do. He is going to anyway, regardless of what family or friends do. Also, only by giving him complete freedom does he have to assume responsibility for his own behavior, rather than blaming others for it. A second necessity is for the family to refuse to rescue the alcoholic. When he gets into trouble because of his drinking, he should be left alone to get himself out of it or to suffer because of it. Only in this way will the alcoholic be forced to do what is necessary to stop his drinking. He will have to assume responsibility for himself and his behavior and he will have to experience the consequences of the choices he makes.

Experience has shown that when family and friends refuse to be manipulated by anger and/or anxiety, and when they act to make the alcoholic responsible for himself, the chances of his recovery are greatly increased. Also, it removes the intolerable burden from the family of trying to control the alcoholic. (Reprinted from Choctaw Community News; Vol. 9, No. 10).



Indians Need To Begin Negotiating

Interior Secretary Cecil Andrus, visiting his home state of Idaho, told the *Sho-Ban-News* that Indian nations need to begin negotiating Indian rights and claims rather than press their claims in court.

Andrus said, "You do have an administration that is concerned and cares. We would hope that they (the tribes) would move for negotiating some of these disputes, claims vs. rights situations, instead of plowing ahead through years and years of litigation in the Federal

courts.

I would very much like to see a resolution of these issues, so that we can come closer to the feeling that the American Government has kept their word, their written agreement and everything else over the years, and put this whole conflict of Indian vs. non-Indian behind us. But, I would say to you that the non-Indian also has to be involved in that process in a way that they know and recognize that there are individual, contractual rights due the Indian nations."

Indian Editors Come And Go

Following a three-month lapse in publication, the *Rawhide Press* was back in business in December with a new-old editor.

Barbara Reutlinger returned to the editor's post. She had resigned about a year ago in anticipation of her husband's retirement under the Senate Bill 666 which didn't get passed.

Barbara's successor and predecessor, Bob May, was fired by the Spokane Tribal Council, causing the lapse in publication.

At the *Yakima Nation Review* Richard LaCourse quietly submitted his resignation for health reasons. He plans to go to Seattle for at least a few months to work on a book, get away from pressures and take time for the healing of a troublesome ulcer.

Acting Deputy Commissioner Martin Seneca has initiated a briefing system, which he described in a memo to Area and Central Office Directors as a "management tool to help us in Central Office to get done things that need to be done."

He said that through this system he expects to be kept aware of matters requiring action by the Commissioner or Central Office Staff "so that action plans, assigning responsibilities and deadlines, can be formulated and the needed actions accomplished in a timely fashion."

Seneca's memo said "Too frequently, in the Bureau, needed actions have been put off, postponed, transferred to other offices, forgotten and otherwise left undone."



NIAA Announces Tourney Sites

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - The National Indian Activities Association announces the sites for Championships in Basketball and Boxing for 1979. The National six (6) foot and under Indian Basketball Championships will be held March 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 in Fort Duchesne, Utah. The Ute Tribe will act as official hosts for this Championship; the second time that they have hosted an NIAA Championship.

The National Indian Boxing Championships will be held April 13 and 14 at the Regional Native American Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The hosts for this year's Boxing Championship will be the Minnesota State Indian Boxing Association headed by Henry Harper of Cass Lake, Minnesota.

The National Indian Men and Women's Basketball Championships will be held on the campus of Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma; April 18-21. The Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma will serve as the official host of the combined 48 team tournament. Many activities are planned for this national event as teams from across the United States and Canada will converge on Tahlequah, Oklahoma for the Basketball Championships.

For more Information Contact:

George Tiger, National Activities Specialist
National Indian Activities Association
6803 South Western Suite 403

Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma 73139



Construction on the Elderly Housing was just one of the many programs slowed by

the weather. Construction will resume at full speed as soon as weather permits.



Drawn by Ken Taylor Jr.
Anaheim, Calif.

Hunting & Fishing

(Cont. From Pg. 2)

though extremely limited after 1906, are still intact and the United States is obligated to enforce them (Cheyenne-Arapaho Treaty rights were ended in 1891);

3) Creek tribal hunting rights have never been reviewed by a state or federal court;

4) Tribal staff are preparing a draft hunting code for implementation in 1979. (Cheyenne-Arapaho hunting and fishing was unregulated).

Although this brief statement of distinguishing factors between Creek and Cheyenne-Arapaho tribal history may not be sufficient to convince a federal court that Creek hunting rights are not subject to Oklahoma laws, preliminary work undertaken by tribal staff may eliminate many complications, which could prevent a Cheyenne-Arapaho decision in Creek country.

I have been researching tribal, federal and state laws and court cases for the preparation of a (Muscogee) Creek Nation Wildlife Code. The draft will be complete by early February and may be scheduled for public hearings (by the Tribal Council Committee on Tribal Affairs) by March 1st. Should a timetable be established by the Committee, it will appear in the March issue of the Muscogee Nation News. Any suggestions Creek People may have about the regulations which should be included in the Code should contact the Government Policy and Research Administration staff at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex, 918-756-8500.

Creek Nation Vehicles For Sale

The Creek Nation Property and Supply Department have the following vehicles for sale:

1971 Chevy ½ ton Pickup
1972 GMC ½ ton Pickup

If you would like to purchase these vehicles you may send a bid by mail or contact Newman Frank at the Creek Nation P.O. Box 1114 or phone 756-0576.

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CREEK CONSTITUTION COMMISSION SETS ELECTION DATES

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW.

Important Issues At Stake

The Constitution Commission has set the final dates for the registration and voting on issues concerning the proposed Creek Constitution.

The referendum is the final stage of a court order filed August 22, 1978 which stated that a five member commission be formed in order to educate the Creek people about the issues concerning changes in the new proposed constitution from the old 1867 Creek Constitution.

During the past six months the commission has held public hearings at several different locations around the Creek Nation. The commission has also sent out letters explaining the activities of the commission along with information about the constitutional issues.

The three main issues to be voted upon are: 1) should a second Chief be elected or should the chairman of the council succeed the Chief in the event of a vacancy, 2) should the tribal council be made up of one or two houses (unicameral or bicameral), and 3) should the representatives of the tribal council be elected by geographical districts or by Tribal Towns.

All creek people who have registered to vote since 1975 will be eligible to vote. If you are in doubt about whether or not you are registered do so immediately.

Persons already registered by the Creek Nation Election Board since 1975 do not need to re-register. Persons in doubt about whether they are registered or not must register immediately.

REGISTRATION CLOSING MARCH 17, 1979, AT MIDNIGHT THAT NIGHT.

All mail-in registration forms are to be in the Commission's Post Office Box 1340, Okmulgee, 74447, by this time.

All Registrars will stop registering voters at this time.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OUT BEGINNING MARCH 19, 1979

International Ballots will be mailed March 19, including Alaska and Hawaii.

Ballots for other states will be mailed March 20.

Ballots for Oklahoma will be mailed March 21.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE DUE AT 7:00 THE EVENING OF MARCH 31, 1979.

Any ballots which are not in the Commission's Post Office Box 1340, Okmulgee, OK, 74447, by 7:00 in the evening will not be opened.

RESIDENT PRECINCTS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 THE MORNING OF SATURDAY, MARCH 31
RESIDENT PRECINCTS WILL CLOSE AT 7:00 THAT EVENING.

ALL BALLOT BOXES WILL BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN OKMULGEE. THE COUNTING OF BALLOTS WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY, AND CONTINUE UNTIL COMPLETED. THE PUBLIC IS INVITED FOR THE COUNTING OF BALLOTS.

VOTING RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED WHEN READY SUNDAY, APRIL 1, 1979

THE COMMISSION SHALL HOLD SPECIAL MEETINGS THE FOLLOWING TWO WEEKS AT THE CAPITOL BUILDING IN OKMULGEE, TO COMPLETE ITS WORK ON THE 1979 PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND FORWARD ITS WORK TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR BY APRIL 15, 1979.

AFTER THE 1979 PROPOSED CONSTITUTION IS APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR, THE COMMISSION WILL SCHEDULE A RATIFICATION ELECTION, DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THE 1979 PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND CONDUCT THE ELECTION.

Letters to the EDITOR

Editor,

We are members of the Creek Tribe, and we are in prison. There are a few of us here, that would like to start receiving the "Muscogee Nation News," but we have no money to send for subscriptions. We would really appreciate it if you could put us on your mailing list.

We have an Indian Club here, that would like some kind of help if possible. We here, would like a list of other Indian Organizations in the state, if you have them. And we have a ball team but no teams to play. Any invitations to any softball or basketball tournaments would be appreciated.

We don't know how to go about things at the moment, we hope you can help us in any way. The name of our club is "All Tribes Indian Club." We know you will have a tournament next month at some school around there we would like a invitation to it. I really don't know if we will have enough money in the treasury, for the entry fee, but we hope we will when the time comes. Unless the tribe can sponsor us. If you are able to get us in the tournaments someone with authority will have to write to our Warden for permission to go there. His name is Warden Charley D. Carter. We don't get to go to too many places because we don't know anybody out there to help us here. The Warden will let us go if he's notified in advance at least two weeks notice.

We would like to know more about our tribes organization in helping us here in prison. Well that's all I can say for now, but here are the names and numbers of the Creek Indians that would like to receive the paper. Tommy Anderson - No. 86447, Bill Pigeon - No. 98459, Walter Coon - No. 95914, James Washington - No. 97763, David Drew - No. 94515.

All of us here would like to thank you for your time and patience in reading our letter. At last we was hoping you might be able to put our names and numbers in your paper and say, we would like to hear from anyone wishing to write to us but didn't know where we were at. Here are some more names of Indian inmates. Donald Bull - No. 98493 Cheyenne; Emmett Daniels - No. 50446, Cherokee; Dennis Thompson - No. 97790 Choctaw; Tommy Anderson - No. 86447, Creek; James Boyiddle - No. 97815, Kiowa-Apache; Kennis Headman - No. 88360, Ponca; Eugene Rhoten - No. 92544, Tonkawa; Alfonso A. Lopez - No. 84771, Choe-Cherokee-Mex; Walter Coon - No. 95914, Creek-Seminole; James Whitetail - No. 87246, Cheyenne; Calvin Pickup - No. 98271, Cherokee; James Washington - No. 97763, Creek-Cherokee; David Drew - No. 94515, Creek; Bill Pigeon - No. 98459, Creek.

Any publication for us and our Indian Club is appreciated an all help.

Sincerely,
Walter Coon Jr. No. 95914
Secretary of the "All
Tribes Indian Club"

P. S. We all have the same address.
Walter Coon - No. 95914
McLeod Correctional Center
R. R. 1
Farris, OK 74542

Dear Editor,

I'm happy to see that you have begun to acknowledge the artists whose drawings you use in the Muscogee Nation News.

I think credit should be given all those whose work you use for publication.

The Creeks have much talent and may they continue to be creative!

Mrs. Vance Beaver
P.O. Box 923
Kinder, La. 70648

CREEK NATION FORUM

TO THE CREEK PEOPLE

ON MARCH 31, 1979, THE CREEK PEOPLE WILL BE DECIDING THE FUTURE OF THE CREEK NATION. YOUR VOTE WILL DECIDE THE MAKE-UP OF OUR CONSTITUTION THAT WILL EFFECT OUR LIVES, THE LIVES OF YOUR CHILDREN AND THOSE OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN. AFTER CAREFULLY REVIEWING THE QUESTIONS TO BE VOTED ON, WE AS CONCERNED CREEK CITIZENS URGE YOU TO:

VOTE, March 31, 1979 for an elected Vice Chief. In the event of a vacancy of the Principal Chief the Creek Nation will have a Vice Chief who has been elected by the Creek People to assume these duties.

VOTE, March 31, 1979 for a single house Tribal Council. The Creek Nation cannot economically afford the luxury of two houses. The two house system bankrupted the Old Creek Nation prior to statehood.

VOTE, March 31, 1979 for a Tribal Council consisting of representatives from geographical districts. You the Creek people need a representative from your community or area. Only by electing council members from geographical districts, can the Creek people insure a fair distribution of services available to the Creek Nation.

CONCERNED CITIZENS

Dear Editor,

In spite of the harsh winter Oklahoma is having and all the inconveniences it brings, for some Oklahomans who have moved south and seldom see snow the memory of Oklahoma snows are remembered and cherished.

I am submitting this poem which may be appropriate at this time.

Mrs. Vance Beaver
P.O. Box 923
Kinder, La. 70648

OKLAHOMA SNOW

I left Oklahoma in the Spring
of the year
Said goodbye to the blackjacks
and the rolling hills
left the golden wheat a-waving
left the windy prairie rain
left the memories of my childhood
in my heart there's ... lonesome pain.
left the big sky's "wild blue yonder,"
left the coyote's mating call
but what I'm missing most of all...
is when snow begins to fall.
banked up against the rail fence
along the country road --
heaped high on the wood pile
behind my country home --
hugging onto the branches
of the old persimmon tree
that I climbed as a boy
so happily
I'll return again someday
when I hear ol' winters call
to my Oklahoma home
when snow begins to fall...
back to Oklahoma when snow
begins to fall...
wait for me Oklahoma when snow
begins to fall...
I love my Oklahoma when snow
begins to fall.
Barbara Audibert Beaver

Legal Help

One of the goals of the present tribal leadership and administration is to provide direct services to tribal members.

In April, 1978, the Office of Justice was established within the organizational structure of the Creek Nation administration.

The primary goal of the Office of Justice, as established, is to provide legal counsel and legal expertise to the various agencies, boards, offices, divisions, and departments within the Creek tribal government.

Beginning on Monday, January 8, 1979, the Creek Nation, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, began offering legal services to Creek Indians over the age of 55. This special project is known as the "Creek Nation Legal Clinic for Elderly Indians" and provides legal services only in the areas of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Welfare, Food Stamps and other social services areas in which the elderly may encounter legal problems.

Persons must first make initial contact with the public agency from which they feel they should receive benefits. If, upon determination of eligibility or ineligibility by that certain agency, the client feels the determination to be unfair, he can contact the Legal Clinic for legal advice.

This legal clinic is open on Monday of each week from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

There are two attorneys in the office at this time. These services are offered by appointment, and you can call Pat Wilson at 756-8500, Ext. 57 to make an appointment.

If you can't call, you may write for an appointment. We will let you know the time and date of your appointment by return mail. Another alternative would be to call or contact your Community Coordinator, who can then handle the arrangements of the appointment.

While the clinic is aimed primarily at elderly Creek Indians, the clinic services will be provided for the elderly of all tribes if they reside within the Creek Nation boundaries.

Old Indian Photographs

NORMAN -- Original gravure photographs of Oklahoma Indians, taken by Edward S. Curtis, will be on exhibit from Feb. 26 through March 22 at the Stovall Museum of Science and History at the University of Oklahoma.

Curtis, called "Shadowcatcher" by the Indians, took more than 40,000 photographs of Indians from more than 80 tribes from Mexico to Alaska. He recorded his observations of the phases of Indian life in a primitive condition -- child, adult, home, environment, games and ceremonies.

From 1907 to 1930, he published his observations and photographs in 20 massive volumes entitled "The North American Indian." In the 19th volume, "Indians of Oklahoma," he includes the original plains tribes, which were Oto, Wichita, Pawnee, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Osage, Ponca and Comanche.

Selections for the Stovall exhibit are on loan from the OU Museum of Art.

A film, "The Shadowcatcher," which explores the life and work of Curtis will be shown at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, at Stovall Museum, 1335 Asp Ave. in Norman.

For more information, contact Peter Tirrell, education director for the museum, at (405) 325-4711.

Indian Police

Nathan Merrick, a 30-year-old Omaha Indian, is the first and only policeman for Oklahoma's "Indian Country."

The state has 500,000 acres, checkerboarded throughout the state, designated as "Indian Country," but Merrick has responsibility for only 98,000 acres in seven counties.

Although Oklahoma contains no Indian reservations, recent court decisions have ruled that land in the state held in trust for Indians is subject to special jurisdictional laws.

Since there have been no tribal police or courts in the state, the decisions have resulted, in some instances, in lawlessness and confusion about the situation.

The appointment of Merrick by the BIA is the beginning of an effort to resolve some of the problems. The BIA is also establishing a Code of Federal Regulations court systems at the Concho and Shawnee Agencies because at the present time there are no courts with jurisdiction over some crimes committed on Indian land.



These Photographs of the recent Eclipse were taken from a location at the Creek Complex. The early Creeks considered the sun and moon as abodes of powerful beings, or at least connected with such beings. When the sun or moon was eclipsed they said that a great toad (sabakti) was about to swallow it, and in order to help drive it away they discharged their guns and shot at it with arrows until they "hit" it. Photo by Tony Hale.

BIA Notice

BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY WORKLOAD OF CERTIFICATES OF DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD, THE BIA OFFICE WILL NOT ISSUE CARDS ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS.

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Horseracing Big Business

Gambling is illegal in Oklahoma and previous efforts to legalize parimutual horse racing have been defeated.

Horsemen in the state have initiated another drive for legalization and said that the proposed track on Indian land, outside state jurisdiction was a logical alternative.

Sylvester said revenue benefits will go to the tribe rather than the state if the facility is built on Indian land.

He noted that Arkansas took in \$6.7 million in tax revenues from 50 days of racing in 1977.

...Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Indian Community sponsored a Sweetheart contest this past month, it was a very successful fund raising event, a total of \$1,004.60 was raised by the 33 children who were entered in the contest. The crowning of the Sweethearts was held Feb. 12, with almost 200 hundred people attending the event.

Chief Cox, Vice Chief McCombs, were special guests. Steve Wilson was the M.C.

We also had Mark Mason from KOKL radio station explain about the Community Club Awards program.

Our Sweethearts for this year were Crystal Wegley, Harlan Jimmerson, Nancy Harjo, and Kenneth Wilson.

We also held a food sale Feb. 16, at the Complex.

Our Senior Citizens attended a meeting in Henryetta Feb. 20.

Wetumka

The Wetumka Community had a guest speaker Thursday, Feb. 15. Margaret Hernasy came down and talked to us about food stamps. We also had people from the Adult Education Dept. come down to fill out income tax forms for some of our community members.

We have a food sale every Wednesday at the center 11:30-1:30 to help pay for the expense of the center.

Our monthly meeting is the first Monday in every month. Our next meeting is March 5, at 7:00.

Yardeka

The Yardeka Community held a fund raising event last January for the community, church, and Hickory Ground Stomp Ground.

The Community also sponsored a Basketball tournament by Ryal School Feb. 20-24, to help pay for a score board, at the school.

A bingo was held Feb. 16 at the Yardeka Center for the John Jacobs church. A bingo is scheduled for March 21 at the Yardeka center for Louis Taylor's Stomp Ground Arbeka.

COMMUNITY NEWS

...Twin Hills

The Twin Hills Community had planned our birthday dinners for January and February but they had to be cancelled because of the bad weather.

One of our community members Lucinda Wilson, has just returned home after having undergone surgery, we wish her a quick recovery.

Larry and Linelle Hudgens announced the arrival of their first baby girl, Wendy Lourisa Hudgens, she weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21" long.

The grandson of Richard and Geraldine Bruner, who was born Jan. 27 is still in the hospital due to complications. Our prayers and best wishes are with them.

...Yeager

The Yeager Community has been working hard this past month trying to finish the Headstart center, they have been working on weekends trying to finish before the deadline Feb. 19.

We in the Yeager Community area have an Indian newscaster, every Tuesday at 3:25. If you have news of community events, or news they need to advertise, please contact Yeager Community Coordinator for more information. Houston Yahola, Rt. 1, Box 379, Holdenville, OK 74848.

Gypsy

On Feb. 10, a meeting was held with Chief Claude Cox, Doyle Edge and the Credit Coordinator of the Caddo Tribe from Anadarko were present.

A Safety meeting was scheduled for Feb. 26 at 8:30 for employees.

On Feb. 17, the Gypsy community held a fund

Dustin Community

A big Christmas dinner was held at the community center which Chief Cox and Steve Wilson attended on Dec. 23. On Dec. 18, sacks of candy were passed out to the community members. Two films were shown on Child Abuse and Health.

Two Rabies Clinics were held in the community.

The Dustin Community has scheduled a food sale on March 9, at the Complex 11:30-1:30. Also a bingo is planned for

The Dustin Indian

Community workers have been busy cutting wood, fixing frozen water pipes. We have just completed sheet rocking, plastering, and painting a room for Willis Smith who just came home from the hospital. The community workers have also been busy transporting the elderly for groceries and food stamps, and cleaning homes for the elderly. The community is making plans for the big gardens they want to have.



Senior Citizens

Ten Senior Citizens from O.I.C. visited the Okmulgee County Senior Citizens quarterly meeting Feb. 13th at the Henryetta Nutrition Center.

The group met at the Creek Nation Complex

and traveled in a Creek Nation Van with Steve Wilson, Community Coordinator, driving and Dorothy Holata, CHR in a government vehicle. They arrived at 11:45 a.m. registered and before lunch sang Creek Hymns. Nevada Simmers offered the Lord's Prayer in Creek and the grace was given in Creek by R. T. Derrisaw.

The center was decorated with a Valentine theme which was very pretty. During the meal several songs were played on the piano by a Sr. Citizen from Henryetta and was enjoyed by all.

Following lunch, a
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Depew

The Depew Community held a bake sale at Stroud Jan. 27, also a bingo is planned for March 17, 1979 at 7:30 by the Depew Round-up Club.

Depew student of the month for March is Danny Hill. Danny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hill.

Danny is 16 years old, and a Jr. at Depew High School. He also attends Central Vo-Tech in Drumright. He is very active in sports and his most favorite being basketball. Danny is one of the main string ball players, which at this time are in the area playoffs.

Danny has been a straight A student since grade school and has maintained his 4.0 average through high school. He also has a record of perfect attendance. Danny has also worked under the Summer Manpower program.



DANNY HILL

Morris

Morris Community held a bingo and food sale Feb. 9, they also started their beading classes Feb. 13.

A bingo and food sale is planned for March 3, at the Morris Center. A food sale is also planned for March 5, at the Complex 11:30.

The Morris Indian Community 7th and 8th grade boys and girls basketball teams have been practicing and are to enter the Ryal and Shawnee tournaments. These players are boys: Gino Roanhorse, Bear Johnson, Goose Brown, Chitto Brown, Jessie Brown, Tucson Brown, Mark Roberts, Almo Morgan, Shawn Fields, Wallace Barnes Jr., Freddie Brown, Boscoe Wahnee. The girls are: Millicent Nevaquya, Corlyn Holata, Tonya Kelly, Linda Roberts, Merna Roberts, Sherry Wahnee, Loretta Artusee, Julie Rash, Patsy Messer, and Diane Morgan. Coaches for the teams are Boys, Keeper Johnson, and Joe Johnson. Girls: Cy Johnson and Albert Arsee.

Indian Scouts Meet

Members of the Wetumka Indian Youth Council met Friday, Feb. 23, in the Wetumka high school library to discuss activities and events scheduled during the months of March and April. An independent organization, the Indian Youth Council is a chartered member of the Explorer's Division of the Boy Scouts of America, Post Number 753 and has 46 active members.

The group discussed plans for a weiner roast to be held March 1 at the Wetumka Lake and a car wash scheduled for Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Ronnie's Gobble Gas. Proceeds from the car wash will be used for an overnight camping trip to Slippery Falls Ranch in Tishomingo on March 24-25.

The group also discussed plans for Indian Awareness Week tentatively scheduled for April 9-14, the week long festivities to end with an all-Indian fair slated for Saturday, April 14.

The Wetumka Indian

Youth Council was organized by Oklahomans for Indian Opportunities during the 1967-68 school term. During the experimental state of organization, youth coordinators counseled the youth group in areas of educational opportunities, community involvement and awareness of cultural heritage.

Officers for the 1978-79 school year include: Melvin Battiest, president; Lillie Parchcorn, first vice president; Jerry Roughface, second vice president; Mary Culley, secretary-treasurer, and Sandra Nibs, reporter. The Explorer's Club princess is Donna Mooney and the brave is Donnie Asbury.

Serving as co-sponsors for the Explorer's club are Miss Norma Marshall and Mrs. Eloise Mitchell. Adult committee members include Mr. and Mrs. David McKinney; Mr. and Mrs. James Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Scott. Chubby Berryhill

Skating Party Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Indian Community is sponsoring a Skating party. All members of the Oklahoma Indian Community are invited to sign up to attend the party by calling the center at 756-2597. The party will be held March 17, from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Melody Skating Rink in Okmulgee.

After the party refreshments will be served at the community building at Creek Forrest Apt. This is on St. Patrick's Day so wear something green.

Wilson Community

Wilson Indian Community Meetings will be held first Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m., at the Wilson Indian Center, located 1 1/4 mile south of Wilson school, at Lucille Bear's place. Our next meeting will be March 3rd, 10:00 a.m.

Due to the cold weather we did not schedule Arts and Crafts class this quarter.

The next quarter will begin in March and during the March 3rd meeting, the Community will decide what class they want, and if the classes will be day classes or night classes. Enclosed is a list of classes that are offered to the community by Oakdale.

Also, Wilson Indian Community will receive Garden Seeds in March. Let us know, if you would like to have a unit of garden seeds, fertilizer included. Manpower office have said a garden tiller will be given to the Community. Let us know at the next Meeting who would like to have their garden spots tilled by the Community Youth workers.

We are asking the Members of Wilson Indian Community to support the Wilson Indian Center with monthly dues of fifty (.50) cents or more to help with telephone bill, electric and propane.

If you have any questions please call, Wilson Indian Center, 652-3812, or come to our monthly meeting for more information on services provided by the Creek Nation and services provided by the Wilson Indian Community workers.

The Fund-raising Committee are asking the Community to bring food, (sandwiches, pies, etc.) to sell during our next meeting.

Wilson Indian Community officers: Chairman - Charles Elk; Vice-Chairman - Tom Berryhill; Secretary -

Dacey Taryole; Treasurer - Stella Harjo; Athletic Director - Almer Berryhill; Fund-raising Committee - Hepsey Gilroy, Lucille Bear; Coordinator - Sue Berryhill.

A film, "Long Road Home," will be shown March 3rd community meeting.

Communities Receives Garden Seed

Once again the Creek Nation will be providing garden seeds and fertilizer to members of the organized communities through funding provided by the Creek Nation Manpower YETP Program.

The number of families to receive the seeds has been reduced to 1112 this year due to the funding. Each of the communities have been allocated a certain number of units for its members.

People interested in receiving seeds need to contact their community coordinator or attend one of their community meetings to sign up for them.

Community workers will start picking up their garden seeds at Scovill's Seed store in Okemah starting February 26th and by March 5th all the communities should have them ready for distribution to their members.

Garden tillers are being purchased for the use of each community. Each community should receive these tillers within the next two weeks.

Once again the Creek Nation is trying to service its citizens, would like to see as many elderly as possible participate in this program. Those on fixed incomes will also be

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Coordinators Meeting

The idea of starting a Creek Nation Boy Scout Troop in the communities which are in the Okmulgee and Okfuskee counties was brought up. If you would like to see this organization in your community contact your coordinator or Steve Wilson at the Complex.

Buddy York from the Man Power Office explained about the work program for this summer. He also mentioned that they were trying to get youth incentive programs in 4-H and FFA started in the communities.

These programs will be offered to youth between the age of 14 and high school already enrolled in the classes. Further details will be given later.

An extension of the Energy Assistance Program from last year is being offered. Persons who have already received help from this program will not be eligible. If anyone wants energy assistance they must apply at the Complex. This program is mainly for the elderly.

The community workers attended a class on the use of chain saws, Feb. 21, at the Complex. Burton Cox was the instructor.

Each coordinator received a First Aid Kit for their community, at the meeting.

...Coweta

The GED classes held every Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.-12:00 and from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 have 41 enrollees and over half are Indians, which is being held at the end of W. Chestnut.

The garden seeds should be in Coweta by March 5th, 1979. Contact Pat Withers at 486-5790 for information.

Mr. Tom Marshall is now taking registration for all new voters from the ages of 18 years and older that are 1/4 Creek. Contact between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

There are 14 enrolled in the Beading classes which is held from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. at the end of W. Chestnut.

...Sapulpa

The Sapulpa Community held a bake sale this past month at the center. We also had help filling out income tax forms. A food stamp program was presented to the community.

We are presently setting up a GED class. There will be a Community Block Grant meeting at the Public Library. A food sale will be held on Clinic day, Thursday.

A meeting is set for Friday, March 9, 1979 for explanations of the upcoming election and all new programs.

One elderly, Yahola Sims, is taking a course in small engine repairs at Tulsa Voc Tech to help us maintain our equipment.

We have three aides and two YETP to help cut wood, paint, transport the elderly, and help them with laundry and housecleaning.

The Chief and Dr. Yates attended our 5 area meeting on Feb. 24, explaining the delay on the opening of the new Clinic and Community Bldg.

...Nuyaka

The Nuyaka Tribal Town members and Community members had a joint session on Feb. 17, 1979.

Nuyaka community is having a bingo and food sale March 3, at the center to raise money for emergency funds for the community.

The Nuyaka community workers have been doing a lot of quilting since it has been snowing. If you want to buy a quilt Nuyaka has them.

The Nuyaka community officers are: Chairman - Sonny Roberts, Secretary - Patty Factor, Treasurer - Lerena Roberts and Louis Factor, Finance Committee - Sophia Taryole, Mandy Hill, Lerena Roberts and Nora Roberts.

Community workers are Stella Roberts, Thomas Taryole, Lucinda Factor, and Sarah Jane Hicks.



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Age group 1-6 contestants: left to right, Allison Wood, Konowa Watson, Sunny Williams, Sunnie Marshall, Sehoya Tecumseh, Roxanne Jones, Zoelynn Tiger, and Crystal Wegley.



King: Harlan Jimmerson Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jimmerson, Queen: Crystal Wegley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Wegley.



Age group: 1-6 Anthony Hale Jr., Famous Marshall Jr., Brian Roberts, Jason Arsee, Harlan Jimmerson Jr., Bryan Beatty.



Age group 7-12 Steven Powell, Nancy Harjo, Kenneth Wilson, Lynnelle Roberts, Donna Chalakee, Gino Bemo.



King: Kenneth Wilson II, son of Kenneth and Pat Wilson. Queen: Nancy Harjo, daughter of Frank and Thelma Harjo.

sweetheart contest Okmulgee Community

This past month the Okmulgee Indian Community sponsored their first annual Sweetheart Contest, a total of 33 contestants between the ages of 1-6 and 7-12 competed for King and Queen. The winners were determined by the amount of money they raised, each child was given a decorated can to collect money for the event.

Almost 200 people at-

tended the crowning, which was held in the Council room of the Complex. Chief Cox and Vice Chief McCombs shared the honors of crowning the Sweethearts, as Steve Wilson acted as Master of Ceremony.

The Sweethearts in the 1-6 age group were Crystal Wegley and Harlan Jimmerson, their parents are Kathy and Bobby Wegley and

Harlan and Jackie Jimmers. In the 7-12 age group the King was Kenneth Wilson II son of Pat and Kenneth Wilson, Queen was Nancy Harjo daughter of Thelma and Frank Harjo. Nancy was sponsored by the Juneau family. The runners-up were Zoelynn Tiger, daughter of Matt and Carol Tiger, Famous Marshall, son of Famous and Lena Marshall. Gina Bemo, daughter of Jody

and Gene Bemo and Timothy Autaubo, son of George and Rebecca Autaubo.

The Kings and Queens each received a trophy, crown, flowers, a box of candy and a \$25.00 savings bond. The runners-up received a trophy, candy and \$10.00. All the other contestants received a box of candy and \$1.00.

This was the biggest fund raising event the

Okmulgee Indian Community has sponsored. The contestants raised a total of \$1,004.60. The money will go to helping community members in need and for sponsoring other community events such as Bingo, Picnics, Skating parties and summer activities.

Thanks go to everyone who contributed to this event. Also a special thanks to Thelma Harjo for presenting the idea to the O.I.C.

HFR Services

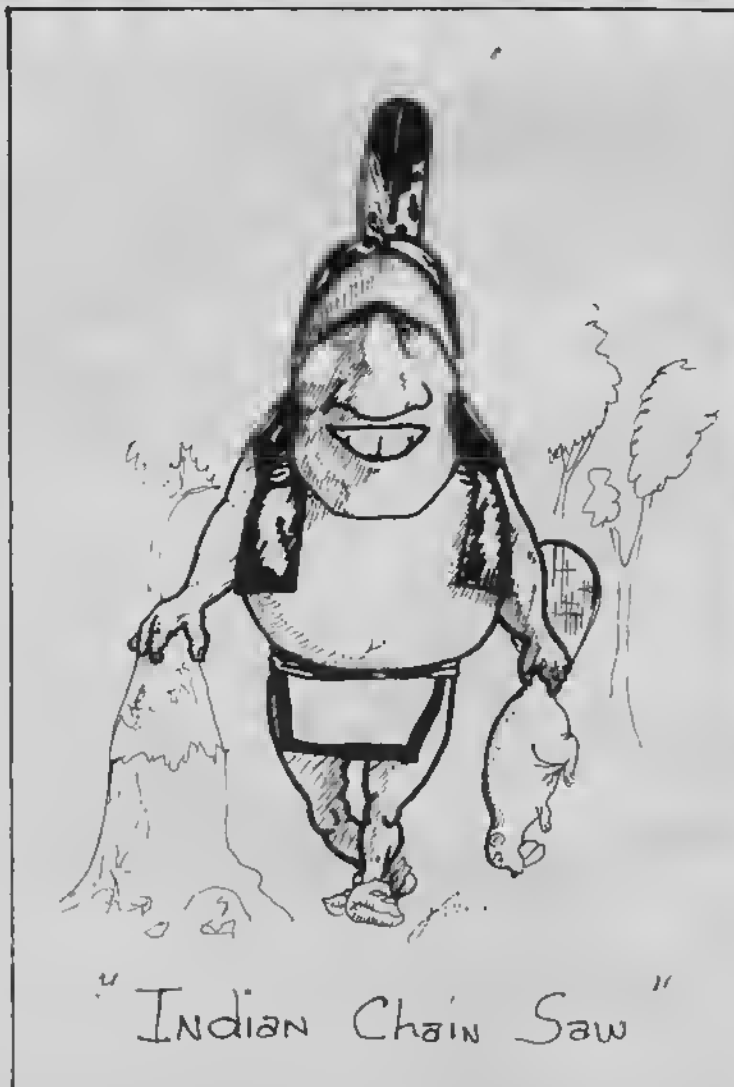
What health services are available to me and where do I go to receive them? These are some of the questions that are often asked by our Indian people.

For this reason the Creek Nation Community health services employ the services of the Creek Nation Health Field Representatives (H.F.R.). The HFR are the link between you, the Indian people and the services and aids that are available to you.

The HFR can provide these services: 1. Make home visits and record health problems existing in the community. (1) Such information will be relayed to the proper authorities. 2. Emphasize functions of HFR program in their communities. 3. Make referrals and provide patient care for the Indian people. 4. Explain the rules governing the I.H.S. relating to the care of the Indian people. 5. Take your blood pressure and temperature. (one of the first signs of many illnesses). 6. Check your weight. 7. Furnish emergency first aid, if necessary, to a patient until he can be taken to the I.H.S. or other facility. 8. Assist with services of the Creek Nation Ambulance. 9. Inform Indian people of the help and services to which they are entitled. 10. Advise Indian people whom to contact for health problems (AAA, Diabetes, Otitis Media, M.C.H., etc.) 11. Help you locate transportation to the doctor or hospital. 12. Assist with services of Creek Nation Mobile Clinic.

The H.F.R. cannot provide the following services: 1. Transportation for you to the doctor or hospital unless it is a bonafide emergency or unusual circumstance. 2. Prescribe medication. 3. Take blood tests. 4. Give injections. 5. Diagnose illnesses. 6. Admit a patient to the hospital. 7. Take your child to the hospital unless accompanied by a parent and/or guardian.

REMEMBER: If you are of Indian descent and living within the Creek Nation please use the H.F.R.'s and cooperate with them in their efforts to improve the health of you and your family.



Emergency Energy Assistance Available

The Emergency Energy Assistance Program (EEAP) which started last year (Jan. 1, 1978-March 31, 1978) has been extended with limited funding to be provided by the Community Services Administration through the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission in Okla. City.

The target months will be from Jan. 1, 1978 through June 30, 1978.

The applicant must provide proof that an emergency was created during this target period

to qualify. Poverty guidelines established by CSA must also be met with proof of income provided. Any person or family household who received help with this program last year, whether through the Creek Nation or any Community Action Program (CAP), will be ineligible.

Applications for this program will be taken by Steve Wilson at the Complex. Please bring proof of your income or copies of the bills you paid last year, if possible.



Ethel Wyatt will receive 5 yr. pin on April 19, 1979 at the 2nd National CHR convention in Okla. City.



Equipment Workshop

BY SUSIE STEWART

Morning and afternoon Power Equipment Safety Workshops were held on February 21, 1979, in the Creek Complex council room. A combined total of 97 community coordinators and aides participated in the sessions which were divided in order to minimize class size. The workshop, sponsored by the Adult Education Department, was designed to provide the equipment operator with the basic information needed to obtain maximum safety and full effectiveness when using power cutting equipment.

Instructors Burt Cox, from Victory Motors in Muskogee, and Pete McGrini, G&V Electronics in Okmulgee, demonstrated the proper handling of the chain saw, stressed the damage a worker can incur when mishandling power

equipment, and lectured on the proper maintenance and operation of the lawn mower, rototiller, and chain saw.

During the afternoon workshop, Harley Revis and Tim Harjo, Community Health Services, presented first aid procedures to follow in the event of a power equipment mishap. Chain saw booklets are now available for all Power Equipment Safety Workshop participants. Contact your community coordinator if you have not received yours.

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considered to receive these benefits.

If there are any questions about the program contact Steve Wilson or Emma Bruner at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex or your community coordinator.

Meet Your Health Field Representative

Ethel Wyatt, Creek and Choctaw, is the Health Field Representative for the McIntosh county.

Ethel began working for the Creek Nation in March, 1974. She has worked in the area of Maternal and Child Health and also as an Emergency Medical Technician before becoming a Health Field Representative. Ethel received her health

training at the Desert Willow Training Center in Tucson, Arizona.

Ethel speaks both Creek and English fluently. She is married and has five children. Her hobbies are shaking shells at stomp dances, fishing, reading, and talking.

Mrs. Wyatt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newman Thompson.

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Indian Affairs Politically Bad

A *Washington Post* columnist said that the House Interior Committee voted to abolish its Indian Affairs Subcommittee "because no one would accept the chairmanship."

The columnist cited the experience of former subcommittee chairman Lloyd Meeds (D-Wash), who was almost defeated in his district after he took the Indian's side in a fishing rights dispute.

Advocacy of Indian causes is now apparently considered a political liability. Interior Committee Chairman Morris Udall (D-Ariz.) said the full committee would handle Indian matters through existing subcommittees or ad hoc task forces.

Democratic members of the Committee had agreed in caucus to do away with the sub-

committee, reportedly because of the lack of volunteers to serve on the subcommittee and to be chairman.

When the committee met January 29, however, Republican James Johnson of Colorado and others protested these plans as unfair to more than one million Indians. Johnson said that the full committee could not give the time or have the expertise to handle Indian issues such as the eastern Indian land claims or the western water rights legislation.

The Republican appeal to maintain the 150-year-old tradition of having a subcommittee for Indian affairs almost carried the day, but lost by the narrow count of 18 to 17.

Chairman Udall said the subcommittee staff would be retained to work with the full committee.

Indians Struggling For Power; Identity

The Sunday Magazine of the *New York Times* published an eight-page cover feature February 11 on American Indians Struggling for Power and Identity.

The extensively researched article by Howell Raines was unfortunately flawed by a major reporting error. It states that the courts in 1975 upheld tribal claims to the northern two-thirds of Maine and that "last October, the Maine case was finally settled when the Passamaquoddy and Penobscot Tribes" accepted a "relatively modest payment of \$37 million and the right to expand their reservations by 100,000 acres." In fact,

the court has made no such decision nor have the tribes accepted any settlement.

The article stresses issues of economic development, the development of the Council of Energy Resources Tribes (CERT), and white backlash.

Nothing that Indians think of their reservations as tiny sovereign nations it says a new generation of Indian leaders hope they "are going to be rich little nations, too."

The article says that "the drive for economic power has become the main thrust of Indian activism throughout the nation."

Indian Farmers Discuss Problems With Government

Indian farmers had a unique opportunity to discuss problems and programs with Government agriculture officials Feb. 6-8 in Albuquerque.

One hundred Indian delegates, chosen from all parts of the country and representing family farms, tribal enterprises, aquaculture, ranching, horticulture and forestry, were told by United States Department of Agriculture Assistant Secretary Alex Mercure that Indians have not been adequately considered in many USDA programs.

The Indians, in turn, spelled out in detail how and where the government programs could be improved. The meeting was jointly sponsored by the Bureau of Indian

Affairs, USDA, Community Services Administration and ACTION in cooperation with the Indians.

Mercure said that many of the problems brought up in the two-day conference had never really been brought into focus until the Albuquerque meeting.

Some of the problems were: 1) Financing and credit problems because of Indian land being held in trust; 2) Communications difficulties between Indians and Government officials; 3) Government agencies thinking of Indians as "under BIA" and therefore not part of the agencies responsibilities; 4) Inadequate BIA technical assistance staff and research capability; 5) Lack of skilled,

educated Indian managers and technicians; 6) The need to go through state governments to participate in Federal programs, local officials sometime hostile and offices quite distant from reservation; and 7) A shortage of Indian people working for the Government in the programs serving Indians.

One USDA official, in charge of programs in a large western state, said that he had never before been aware of the special problems that Indian farmers faced; on the other hand, an Indian delegate at the meeting said he had not known about some of the Government programs available to him.

This kind of exchange was what the meeting was all about.

Miccosukee Indians File Multimillion \$\$ Lawsuit

The Miccosukee Indian Tribe filed suit January 17 against the State of Florida demanding payment in land and market-value for a five million acre section of South Florida which was given to the Indians by the United States through a 1939 treaty.

In what could be a multi-billion dollar Federal lawsuit, the tribe has claimed portions of more than 10 counties including sections of Broward and Palm Beach counties and the cities of Fort Myers, Naples and Okeechobee.

The tribe seeks title only to lands still in state

ownership plus compensation at fair market value for all lands in private ownership.

The tribe is also seeking damages for the taking of flowage easements over 50,000 acres of reservation land. The claim is based on the MacComb Treaty of 1839, which was considered invalid by the U.S. Army shortly after it was signed because of an attack on army troops by a renegade band of Indians.

President John Tyler, however, confirmed the land as belonging to the Indians in 1842 and President James Polk did likewise in 1845.

Buffalo Tiger, chairman of the tribal council, said that the tribe filed the suit only because they were forced by the state's failure to sign a trust agreement last fall which would have given the Miccosukees and Seminoles use of 200,000 acres of state lands in Broward and Dade counties.

The state was willing to set aside the 200,000 acres but only by revokable license which would have allowed the state to evict the Indians at will.

A Seminole Tribe claim for Florida land was settled for \$16 million in 1974.

Indian Child Welfare Hearings To Begin

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), under contract with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, announced today plans for six regional hearings to obtain public testimony on proposed Indian Child Welfare Act regulations.

The Act, signed into law on November 8, 1978, responds to the plea of Indian tribes and

organizations for Federal action to stop the unwarranted removal of Indian children from their families and communities.

In announcing the hearings, Bertram E. Hirsch, NCAI Hearing Project Coordinator, stated: "The Act provides the most comprehensive Congressional recognition of tribal

sovereignty, significantly changes State child placement procedures by establishing minimum due process standards, and authorizes grants for Indian child and family service programs."

The hearings will be held in Atlanta, Boston, Oklahoma City, St. Paul, Pierre, and Albuquerque

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Indians Still Economically Behind

In a recent Washington interview Andrew Ebona, Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians was asked "What does the Carter budget hold for Indians. There is going to be a cutback in the Bureau of Indian Affairs ... does that bother you?"

Ebona replied: "It bothers us just like any other group in the country -- the blacks, the Spanish-speaking and other minority groups have banded together to try to head off whatever cuts in social related programs designed specifically for them also. And Indians are certainly no exception."

We always said the Indians are 50 years

behind the dominant culture and 20 years behind the blacks, so we're still having to play a big catch-up game in terms of trying to develop adequate economic and social programs on the reservations. So we certainly are concerned and are trying to make sure that we are not the first ones to be cut off.

Responding to a question about the 96th Congress, Ebona said: "We are viewing the 96th Congress with skepticism, maybe a little bit of paranoia, but not much. We feel that the bulk of Congressmen are pretty much in favor as long as we don't go overboard in terms of what we are asking for in claims or whatever else."

Indian Film Festival, May 17-19

Washington, D.C. -- The Fourth Annual American Indian Film Festival has been scheduled for May 17-19, 1979, at the Palace of Fine Arts Theatre in San Francisco, California. The festival will be sponsored by the National Congress of American Indians, a Washington, D.C.-based advocate-clearinghouse for Indian concerns and information.

According to Michael Smith, festival director, the objectives of the event are threefold: (1) to showcase quality films

that strive for honest portrayal of American Indians in a historical or contemporary context and thus counteract past negative film treatment; (2) to foster understanding and insight (by non-Indians) to the realities of American Indians today, i.e. historical, socio-economic, educational, and legalistic factors; and (3) to promote the growth and commercial distribution of Indian film productions by Indian writers, actors, directors, and technicians.

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business meeting was held and reports given by the different units of Okmulgee County.

At the close of the meeting Steve Wilson gave a talk about Creek Nation Sr. Citizens and Dorothy Holata gave a talk regarding her work with the Sr. Citizens. Agnes Walls told a fable which had been handed down to her from her mother about the wolves and dogs which was interesting. Two Creek Hymns were sung "Amazing Grace and The Hallelujah Song."

The group enjoyed the day and are looking forward to another outing.

Osage-Creek Receives Doctor Of Medicine Degree

Ronald Blane Shaw, an Osage-Creek from Tulsa, Oklahoma, graduated from the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington on June 3, 1978, with a Doctor of Medicine degree. Ron is the son of Mrs. Ruth Shaw of Tulsa, and Mr. Jack Shaw of Owasso. His grandparents are Mrs. Susie Byrd of Muskogee, Mrs. Rose Shaw of Tulsa, and Mr. John Shaw of Burbank, Oklahoma. Another grandparent is the late Billie Byrd of Okemah, Oklahoma. We might quote Great-grandmother Rose Shaw as saying "she is the oldest Osage living."

Ron attended several public elementary schools before enrolling at Cascia Hall Preparatory School in Tulsa on an academic scholarship. At Cascia, he played football. Ron also represented his school at Boys' State and won the Gold and Silver medals in science.

After high school, Ron was accepted at Notre Dame and Oklahoma State University, but chose the latter because it was closer to home. He completed two years at OSU where he majored in Physiology before attending the Harvard Health Careers Program in the summer of 1973.

Later, Ron transferred to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire because he was impressed with the quality of instruction and

its aid in helping him to prepare for medical school. His choice of Dartmouth was also very much influenced by the existence of a Native American Program.

Ron was accepted at medical schools at Dartmouth, Stanford, and the University of Washington. Ron chose the University of Washington to take advanced biology courses in further preparation of his medical studies. He was also interested in the Native American community health service program.

While at Dartmouth, Ron was very active in their Native American Program. He was instrumental in the creation of a tutorial service, worked on the reorganization of the student association, and was manager-coach of intramural athletic teams.

Ron feels that Indian Health care must be run by the Indian brothers and sisters of those who are being served. It is the Indian people themselves who must be willing to go out on a limb to alter the system and improve the quality of health care for their people. He feels that the quality of health care has improved since the services of medical personnel have become voluntary. During the Vietnam War, many young doctors chose to enter the Indian Health Service to avoid the draft.

Now, the commitment is more genuine, but the Indian Health Service needs more Native American input into the administration.

While at the University of Washington, Ron volunteered his time at the Seattle Indian Health Clinic. He traveled around the State of Washington speaking to American Indian high school students and freshmen and sophomores in college about careers in the Health field. Ron was an active member of the University of Washington's American Indian Student Association. He attended and participated, dressed in traditional Osage dress

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Creek Students Elected Queen; Escort

Sandra Sands (Creek), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lemley Sands, was crowned as Basketball Queen for the 1979 Okemah Panther team.

Escorting Sandra was Curtis Scott, (Creek), son of Mr. and Mrs. Mose Scott.

Flower girl for the occasion was Sandra's sister Stacy, and serving as crown bearer was Curtis' brother Elliot.

The Creek Nation is proud of the accomplishments of these students.



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Hidden in the above puzzle are the 33 staff members of the Creek Nation Community Health Services. Find and circle the last names of each worker.

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 DAN CHAMBERLAIN
 EVELYN PARKER
 BERNICE HALE
 VICKY LONG
 BRENDA CRAIG
 JERRY QUINTON
 VICKY PAYNE
 JOE RAY BARNETT
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 LONA SCOTT
 DOROTHY HDLATA
 LORETTA MCKAY
 GLENDA SCOTT
 LEATRICE MARSHALL
 TIM HARJO
 CHARLES HOLMES



Child

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and will primarily seek testimony from all entities whose procedures, programs and operations will be significantly affected by the Act.

Persons interested in testifying should contact their Regional Hearing Officer or appear at the hearing location on the scheduled date. Written testimony may be submitted to the Regional Hearing Officer on or before March 12th.

For further information, please contact Bertram E. Hirsch or Margie Montgomery at National Congress of American Indians, phone (202) 347-9520.



Doc

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at all pow wows when time allowed. Ron was also an active member of the Association of Native American Medical Students (ANAMS) and is now a member of the Association of American Indian Physicians, Inc. (AAIP).

Ron is now interning at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, and plans to specialize in internal medicine. After completion of his training, he would like to work for Claremore Indian Health Service.

National Touney In Tahlequah

Tahlequah will play host to the 1979 National Basketball Championships sponsored by the National Indian Activities Assn. and slated for April 18-21, according to Ross O. Swimmer, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

NIAA officials are calling the event the largest Indian-sponsored sporting event ever held in Oklahoma. As many as 576 team members from across the U.S. are expected, Swimmer noted.

For the first time in NIAA history, the championship games will be played simultaneously for the men's and women's divisions using up to four basketball courts at one time. The action will take place on the campuses of Northeastern Oklahoma State University and Tahlequah Public Schools.

The Cherokee Capitol was selected as the tournament site following negotiations involving the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah Indian Club, NSU, TPS and NIAA.

In order to participate the 48 teams (32 men's and 16 women's) must first qualify in their home state tournaments, according to Indian Sports News, a publication of NIAA.

Plans have been made to provide accommodations for the teams in NSU dormitories and at the TSA-La-Gi Motor Inn, a modern motel owned by the Cherokee Nation. In order that expenses can be kept to a minimum, NSU and the Motor Inn are offering adjusted rates to tournament participants. NSU will offer reduced rates for players wishing to eat at the University cafeteria.

The event gets underway April 18 at 8:30 a.m. with a national tournament coaches breakfast at the Restaurant of the Cherokees at the Motor Inn.

At this meeting, all team rosters will be posted and eligibility protests heard. Indian Sports News elaborates:

"Once the tournament begins, eligibility protests will not be entertained, coaches and managers will have the opportunity to address or question the tournament committee at

this meeting in an open forum involving all team representatives.

Attendance at this meeting is required of the coach, manager or official representative of each participating team.

Following four days of intense roundball action, the Nationals will conclude with a western barbeque and Indian Benefit Dance on Friday night and an awards ceremony and discoparty Saturday night.

According to Indian Sports News, the NIAA is requesting all state associations, groups or individuals interested in hosting a state playoff or qualifying tournament to write the NIAA national headquarters as soon as possible.

Berths awarded to state tournaments will follow a formula adopted at the recent meeting: the number of berths have been categorized as to the number of teams participating in a state tournament. The category is as follows:

STATE TEAMS
 NATIONAL BERTHS

5-8	1
9-12	2
13-above	2+1

The roster and eligibility rules published by NIAA are:

--12 man rosters plus three alternates may be listed,

--individual team members must sign his/her name

--players must be paid members of NIAA to participate in state and national tournaments

--players must apply a state affiliation to the new NIAA cards

--players must register their state affiliation as the state in which he/she has residence.

--to change the state affiliations one must notify the national office of any change of residence, upon which a new card with the change will be issued to the individual.

--full time students and active military personnel have the option of playing in the state he/she is enrolled or stationed or may play for their home state. The individuals affected by this ruling must notify the national office in writing of their intentions, so as to alleviate the probability of protests at the national tournaments.

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Constitution Election Rescheduled For April 14

Following a hearing on Friday, March 23, 1979, Judge William Bryant, United States District Court, ordered the Creek Constitutional election presently scheduled for Saturday March 31, 1979, to be rescheduled for Saturday, April 14, 1979.

The election was rescheduled in an effort to insure that all interested

Creeks have an adequate opportunity to consider the enclosed statements prepared by representatives of the plaintiffs and defendants in the case of Harjo v. Andrus before casting their votes on the three important issues.

All eligible tribal members who mailed in a completed voter

Persons who requested and received absentee ballots for the previously scheduled election on March 31 should destroy or disregard those ballots.

Persons who have registration form in an envelope postmarked March 17, 1979, or earlier will be registered and entitled to vote.

requested election ballots will be issued new ballots for the rescheduled election on April 14. These ballots, together with new inner envelopes and outer return envelopes, will be issued shortly and in time to insure that the absentee voter will be able to complete the ballots and return them so that they are received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 14,

To The Creek People

As Creek people, we once again find ourselves facing an important decision. We have been at this juncture before in our proud past; but, our present decision may well decide whether our tribal government will continue to flourish, or whether it will disappear forever.

During the 1970's the Creek Nation experienced a rebirth of tribal government. Currently our tribal government provides housing, health, employment and many other valuable services.

Prior to the rebirth period of the seventies, the Creek tribal government had been all but nonexistent since the turn of the century. During that period, much was lost. The reason for this sad situation was simple--the Creek government, as formed under the Constitution of 1867, was unworkable.

Today, in 1979, the Creek people have the opportunity to choose whether or not our grandchildren, and their grandchildren, will continue our tradition of tribal government. Our heritage, culture, and government must not be lost. We must learn from past errors and make realistic plans for the future.

The development of the 1867 Constitution involved little input from the Creek people and brought our tribal government to the brink of extinction. New ideas have been developed by Creeks which will enable us to continue our tradition as well as meet the needs of our people in a modern world.

On April 14, 1979, we must choose between proven failure of the past and a dream for the future of the Creek people. There is but one choice. As a Creek tribal government we must:

- 1.) Elect a Second Chief to assure continuity of leadership.
- 2.) Establish a one house council that will be more efficient and less expensive. One-house will allow more time and money to be spent in directly meeting the needs of the Creek people.

3.) Elect council representatives from districts rather than tribal towns as was the case under the disastrous 1867 Constitution. While tribal towns continue to be important socially, it is far better to be represented by a tribal member familiar with the unique needs of the districts where we live.

While some seem to be contented to divide us without regard to our past and future, it is important that we come together to guarantee our existence as a proud people.

On April 14, vote for an elected Second Chief, one-house and geographical districts.



Claude A. Cox
Claude A. Cox
Principal Chief

Constitutional Issues

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THE POSITIONS OF
Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief;
MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MUST BE ELECTED BY GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS FOLLOW OUR TRIBAL TRADITIONS.

Each tribal town governed itself within its own special district until the time of allotment.

Tribal court judges were elected by districts under the 1867 Creek Constitution.

Tribal towns, as geographic communities, were broken up by allotment, and their members now live in scattered locations.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS GUARANTEE EVERY CREEK A REPRESENTATIVE.

Every Creek living within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will vote in the district they live in.

Every Creek living outside the Muscogee (Creek) Nation can choose the district they wish to register to vote in, and will receive an absentee ballot for that district's election of tribal council members.

In the process of developing the proposed constitution, districts were selected as a compromise between tribal town elections (which were considered too small) and at-large elections (which were considered so vague that the people would not be properly represented).

TRIBAL TOWN ELECTIONS WILL NOT BE FAIR TO EVERY CREEK INDIAN.

In most tribal town elections before allotment, the most important clan of each town selected the King (Mekko) by themselves; in their proper order, other important clans of each town selected each Warrior (Tivstvnv'kē) by themselves; but the other clans were left out of the town's elections altogether.

Many orphaned and adopted Creek people cannot establish their tribal town membership.

Tribal town elections can be dominated by people from the urban areas where most Creeks live today.

In addition to the forty-four (44) Creek Indian tribal towns, tribal town elections would re-establish Arkansas Colored, Canadian Colored, and North Fork Colored tribal towns, each of whose membership would far exceed that of any Indian tribal town.

DISTRICT ELECTIONS ARE THE BEST SOLUTION FOR HAVING FAIR ELECTIONS FOR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS.

District elections will provide representatives who live among the people of that district.

District elections will represent all Creek people.

District elections will represent all areas of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

District elections will NOT eliminate the tribal town, but will change their function in our tribal government and protect the towns as Muscogee institutions from federal laws which might cause Muscogee traditions to be abandoned.

FORUM

THE FUTURE OF THE CREEK TRIBAL GOVERNMENT IS PRESENTLY STATIONED AT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CROSSROADS IT HAS EVER HAD TO FACE IN THE HISTORY OF THE TRIBE. THE PATH THAT IT WILL CHOOSE FOR THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE VOTE BY THE CREEK TRIBAL MEMBERS IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH A MODIFIED COURT ORDER ISSUED JUST TODAY (MARCH 23, 1979) BY JUDGE WILLIAM BRYANT IN THE CASE OF HARJO V. ANDRUS (SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR) THE ELECTION DATE HAS BEEN SET FOR APRIL 14, 1979, ON THREE VERY IMPORTANT QUESTIONS. THOSE QUESTIONS ARE THE "THREE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES" BETWEEN THE 1867 CREEK CONSTITUTION (WHICH THE COURT SAID HAS NEVER BEEN ABOLISHED) AND THE PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTION BY THE PRESENT CREEK CHIEF CLAUDE COX.

"THREE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES"

IT APPEARS BETTER HERE TO QUOTE THE COURT IN IDENTIFYING THESE DIFFERENCES. ACCORDING TO THE COURT, "THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION DOES, HOWEVER, MAKE THREE CHANGES IN THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER THE 1867 CONSTITUTION WHICH MUST BE REGARDED AS FUNDAMENTAL. FIRST, IT FAILS TO PROVIDE FOR AN OFFICE OF SECOND CHIEF. SECOND, THE CREEK NATIONAL COUNCIL TO BE CREATED BY THE PROPOSED SCHEME IS UNICAMERAL, UNLIKE THE TRADITIONAL FORM EMBODIED IN THE 1867 CONSTITUTION CONSISTING OF A HOUSE OF KINGS AND HOUSE OF WARRIORS. FINALLY, AND PROBABLY MOST FUNDAMENTALLY, ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WOULD BE FROM GEOGRAPHIC DISTRICTS RATHER THAN FROM TRIBAL TOWNS AS WAS THE CASE THROUGHOUT CREEK HISTORY."

TRIBAL TOWNS OR DISTRICTS?

Tribal Towns

Our arguments in favor of tribal towns are simple and include:

1. Every Creek by blood (regardless of amount) belongs to some tribal town by birth right providing every Creek a personal opportunity to participate in tribal affairs.
2. Under the 1867 Creek Constitution, the Creek National Council was made up of tribal town Kings and Warriors. This is the traditional form of Creek government. It is an important part of our heritage that we should try to preserve.
3. With a tribal town form of government, you will always have a representative you can turn to no matter where you live. Each child becomes a member of the tribal town of his or her mother, or if the mother is not a Creek, the tribal town of the father.
4. The Creek language will gain in importance in tribal government.

Districts

DISTRICTS HAVE NEVER BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE CREEK TRIBE. THIS TYPE OF REPRESENTATION MAY BE APPROPRIATE FOR ASSOCIATIONS OF OTHER VARIOUS FORMS WHERE THE MAIN THING ITS PARTICIPANTS HAVE IN COMMON IS GEOGRAPHICAL AREA. AND, PERHAPS WOULD WORK IF THE CREEKS WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN STRICTLY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS. IF THIS WERE THE CASE, THEN WHY DO WE CONCERN OURSELVES WITH INDIAN HOUSING, INDIAN EDUCATION, INDIAN HEALTH AND INDIAN PROGRAMS. THESE ARE IMPORTANT TO US AS CREEKS. THEREFORE, WE HAVE MORE IN COMMON THAN JUST GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

IT IS NOT POSSIBLE HERE TO DISCUSS THE MERITS OF DISTRICT REPRESENTATION AND DRAW FAIR CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE THE TRIBE HAS NO EXPERIENCE IN DISTRICT REPRESENTATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE IT IS THE BEST FOR THE TRIBE. ONE CAN ONLY GUESS AT ITS USAGE. UNLIKE TRIBAL TOWNS WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED, THE TRIBE HAS NOT APPROVED OF ANY DISTRICT BOUNDARIES. THOSE CREEKS WHO PREFER TRIBAL TOWN REPRESENTATION ARE NOT LIKELY TO SUBSTITUTE DISTRICTS WITHOUT ADEQUATE PROOF THAT TRIBAL TOWN SYSTEM CANNOT WORK. AT THE SAME TIME, THOSE WHOM FAVOR THE TRIBAL TOWN SYSTEM ARE DESIROUS OF HAVING ALL OTHER CREEKS JOIN THEM REGARDLESS OF THEIR WHEREABOUTS OR THEIR BLOOD QUANTUM.

THE ELECTION OF THE SECOND CHIEF (VICE-CHIEF) WILL PROVIDE FOR AN ORDERLY SUCCESSION TO THE OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF WHEN VACANCIES (BY RESIGNATION, DEATH OR REMOVAL) OCCUR.

Since 1867, the election of the Principal Chief and the Second Chief have been a power of the Creek people which provided checks and balances between the Executive and Legislative branches of our government.

When vacancies occurred in the Office of Principal Chief from 1867 to 1907, the Second Chief was always available to perform the duties of the Principal Chief.

The Second Chief will have no specific duties, which leaves time for that officer to spend with Creek people, the National Council and its Committees, communities, churches, ceremonial grounds, tribal towns, and tribal staff.

Because of the time the Second Chief can spend with Creek groups and individuals, that officer will be very well informed of tribal problems and the solutions our tribal people desire.

If vacancies ever occur in the Office of the Second Chief, special elections can be held to fill that vacancy by a vote of the Creek people.

THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MUST HAVE ONLY ONE HOUSE.

TWO HOUSES OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WILL MORE THAN DOUBLE THE COSTS OF ADMINISTERING THIS BRANCH OF OUR GOVERNMENT.

Two houses would at least double the costs of salaries and expenses for members of the National Council.

Two houses would have at least twice the number of staff employees than one house would have.

Any disagreement between the two houses would increase costs and decrease the ability to serve the Creek people.

Any Joint Committees or Conference Committees established between two houses would increase the cost of government to the Creek people.

HAVING OUR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEET AS ONE HOUSE IS OUR TRADITIONAL FORM OF GOVERNMENT.

Before 1867, the National Council always met as one house.

The creation of the House of Kings in 1867 was designed to limit the voting power of the Freedman tribal towns.

HAVING OUR NATIONAL COUNCIL MEET AS ONE HOUSE WOULD PREVENT MANY POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

Two houses of the National Council would increase the power of the Principal Chief when vetoing council legislation: only one-third (1/3rd) of one of the two houses could prevent the rest of the National Council from overriding a veto by the Principal Chief.

With two separate houses, opposite statements of tribal policy might be adopted by each house, minor disagreements over tribal policy might not be resolved, and legislation passed by one house might be ignored entirely by the other house.

DISTRICTS - SECOND CHIEF - ONE HOUSE

ELECTED SECOND CHIEF

The Second Chief is the successor to the Principal Chief. He also serves as an Assistant Chief. The advantage is that the Creek people themselves would elect this person at the same time the Principal Chief is elected. In the event of unexpected vacancy of the office of Principal Chief, administrative functions can continue without serious interruptions under the Second Chief.

The proposed constitution provides that the council chairman who would be elected by council members themselves would succeed the Principal Chief in the event of a vacancy. This violates one of the principles of good government by taking away the right from tribal members and placing that decision with the council unnecessarily. The election of the Second Chief should remain the responsibility of the Creek people at large.

Those who support the council chairman to succeed the Principal Chief argue that the Second Chief would have nothing to do anyway because he has no duties. We find this argument weak because tribal needs will demand his attention and efforts.

In addition to these three fundamental differences, there are other very serious differences between the 1867 Constitution and the proposed constitution. For example the proposed constitution contains a provision that members of the tribe must register to be citizens of tribe. This may be difficult for some. Also, under the proposed constitution, people with less than 1/4 blood will lose the vote and the right to hold office. These questions will not be on the ballot, but the Creek people should not forget about these other concerns.

The best way to prepare yourself to vote on the "three differences" is by examining both constitutions.

We conclude our presentation with an appeal to all Creek people to become interested and take part in the formation of our future Creek Tribal Government.

SUPPORT THE 1867 CREEK CONSTITUTION AND VOTE FOR TRIBAL TOWN REPRESENTATION, SECOND CHIEF AND TWO HOUSES IN COUNCIL.

HOUSE OF KINGS AND HOUSE OF WARRIORS

Two Houses Are Better Than One

The 1867 Creek Constitution with the two houses was designed to provide "checks and balances" system in its decisions similar to the U.S. and State Congress. This double check by two houses is necessary and advantageous when the Tribe decides on many of its issues and contracts. This method will also require the Principal Chief and the Council to work with each other.

Opponents of this method only argue that the number of representatives will be large and a budget to pay them may be limited. Budget and the size of the council are important in some instances, but these things do not necessarily lead to good representative government. Encouraging increased participation should result in increased resourcefulness. Resourcefulness is a great need for the tribe.

Committee work can be utilized for speedy and immediate attention when needed. The two houses can deliberate as one body anytime it so desires. If a representative is personally interested in serving, then very likely that person will not be discouraged with a limited budget.

HEALTH



Sally Cropp (RN) Examines a new patient at the new clinic location. The new location has more than twice the room of the old location.

Indian Health Improving

A new statistical report rate for infants, for by HEW's Indian Health example, was 71 percent Service measures the lower than it was 20 years progress that has been earlier. Deaths due to made in reducing death gastroenteric causes and disease among declined by 88 percent in American Indians and rate and deaths from Alaska Natives since influenza and pneumonia 1955, when the Service were reduced by 63 first began to collect data. percent during that same

In 1975, the latest year period. for which mortality data is published, the death

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The Okemah Health Clinic recently moved to the North end of the Creek Nation Hospital (above).

Rabies Clinic

Rabies Clinics will be held at various communities, this summer. The clinics that are already scheduled are listed below. These clinics will provide rabies shots, free of charge, to any Indian who has a CDIB or Indian Health Service treatment card who own dogs or cats.

The clinics will be staffed by Indian Health Service personnel.

OKMULGEE COMMUNITY

April 23, 9am

Community Center

WILSON COMMUNITY

April 24th, 1pm-4pm

Wilson Community Center

Duck Creek

May 5, 9am

KELLYVILLE COMMUNITY

May 10th 10am-3pm

Rolano's Home

WELEETKA COMMUNITY

May 21, 1pm

Community Center

SAPULPA COMMUNITY

May 5, 1pm

Cussetta Church

TWIN HILLS COMMUNITY

May 14th 9am

Concharty Church

COWETA COMMUNITY

June 20th 12 noon

Community building end of Chestnut St.

Okemah Clinic Moves To Hospital

The Okemah Indian Health Service Clinic has moved from its former location at 213 N. 2nd to its new location at the North end of the Creek Nation Community Hospital, 309 N. 14th St.

Daily Clinics will be scheduled as follows:

Monday-General Clinic
Tuesday-Well Child and OB

Wednesday-Diabetic

Thursday-Specialty

Friday-General Clinic.

A doctor will be present at each of the clinics from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All patients need to register by 9:00 a.m.

If you need transportation to the new clinic, please contact Ms. Evelyn Parker at 918-756-8700.

Creek Hospital Hires Two Physicians

Chief Cox is proud to announce the addition of two staff physicians to Creek Nation Community Hospital.

Dr. Phillip Isham, 39, graduated from University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1971 and completed a rotating internship at Baptist Medical Center. Dr. Isham and his family are currently living in Sapulpa where he has established himself as a Family Practitioner and

emergency room physician for the Blackwell, Okmulgee, and Sapulpa areas.

Dr. Bud LaCrone, 39, graduated from University of Oklahoma Medical School in 1972 and served his internship at University Hospital in Oklahoma City. Dr. LaCrone is board certified in family practice and presently residing in Oklahoma City. He also intends to move his family to the Okemah area as soon as possible.

Dr. Isham and Dr. LaCrone will provide physician coverage at the Okemah outpatient clinic which was recently moved to 309 North 14th Street, and will also be responsible for Indian patients admitted to the hospital.

Chief Cox feels that this addition to the hospital will provide an upgrading of medical care and services now being provided to the population of Creek Nation.



HEAD START STAFF



HEAD START MEAL PLAN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM SUPPLEMENT				
Rice Krispies Milk	Cheese Sandwich Milk	Oatmeal Grapefruit Juice	Biscuit & Butter Milk	Scrambled Egg Toast Milk
LUNCH				
Enchiladas with Chili & Cheese Lettuce & Tomato Salad Refried Beans Dutch Apple Pie Milk	Smothered Liver Baked Potatoes English Peas Pineapple Cake Bread Milk	Pinto Beans Rice Spinach Fry Bread Pumpkin Pie Milk	Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Peach Cobbler Bread Milk	Cold Cuts: Bologna Liverwurst Chopped Ham Pickle Loaf Milk
AM SUPPLEMENT				
Boiled Egg Buttered Toast Milk	Pancakes Milk	Raisin Bran Milk	Blueberry Muffin Milk	Corn Flakes with Milk Orange Juice
LUNCH				
Beef-Stew-Frozen Mixed Vegetables Tossed Salad Sliced Peaches Cornbread Milk	Weiners with Cheese Corn Pork & Beans Citrus Fruit Cup Milk	Chicken & Dumplings Peas & Carrots Cole Slaw Strawberries Bread Milk	Spaghetti & Meat Green Beans Tossed Salad Pear Halves Bread Milk	Hamburger on Bun Lettuce-Tomatoes Pickles-Onions French Fries Jell-O Fruit Salad Milk
AM SUPPLEMENT				
Cinnamon Toast Milk	Banana Bread Milk	Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches Milk	Blueberry Muffin Milk	Apple Danish Milk
LUNCH				
Corn Dogs with Mustard Cole Slaw Green Beans Cheese Sticks Orange Halves Milk	Baked Turkey Mashed Potatoes Mustard Greens Hot Rolls Fresh Apple Milk	Fish Sandwich Jell-O With Fruit Cocktail Tator Tots Carrot Sticks Milk	Beef Goulash Whole Tomatoes Peach Cobbler French Bread Milk	Beef & Cheese Pizza Tossed Salad Whole Kernal Corn Canned Plums Milk

Head Start Open House

The Eufaula Center had open house on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m. Special guests present were: Chief & Mrs. Claude Cox; Pat Wahnee, Director, Division of Human Development; Geri Berryhill, Supervisor, Headstart Program. Also attending were parents and the Headstart staff.

Entertainment was provided by the three year olds who presented a song and peg board manipulatives routine. The four and five year olds presented a song and toy store skit. The program was enjoyed by everyone and refreshments were served. The parents then held their monthly parent meeting.

The Yeager Center will hold their open house on Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. All parents are urged to attend and all other persons wishing to attend are welcome.



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Jacky Yager, and Ragan Hargrave, project manager, unload chemicals for water plant at agri-business complex.



Roley Marshall breaks ground for sprigging



Creek Nation Class of '79 (Left to Right) Bill Fife, Director of Tribal Affairs, George Marshall, Willie Tarloshaw, Chief Cox, Sam Yargee, Roley Marshall,

Wiley Butler, Lonnie Thomason, Thomas Lowe, Brian Fife, Jacky Yargee, Sonny Folley, Ragen Hargrave.

Agri - Business

Principal Chief Claude Cox and Director of Tribal Affairs, Bill Fife, attended the graduation ceremony of nine Native American Economic Stimulus Program trainees.

Ragen Hardgrave, project supervisor, said the trainees were instructed in such ranch and farm work as, pasture maintenance, cattle management, general field veterinary practices, irrigation system planning, and crop planting and harvesting.

Upon graduation all nine of the trainees will be employed at the Creek Nation agri-business complex near Dustin.

By helping these trainees learn a skill both the Creek Nation and the trainees will benefit, said

Hardgrave, the trainee benefits by learning skills needed to operate a farm or ranch and the Creek Nation will benefit by employing their skills for operation of the Agri-business Complex.

The planned 552 acre Agri-business project, will consist of a dairy and poultry operation along with a cattle, sheep, and swine feedlot.

Graduating from the class were; Willie Tarloshaw, Wiley Butler, Jacky Yargee, Roley Marshall, George Marshall, Sonny Folley, Brian Fife, and Thomas Lowe.

Lonnie Thomason was classroom instructor and field supervisor, and John Collins served as on the job training instructor for the project.



Chief Cox poses with Agri-business Trainees in front of one of three tribally

owned tractors to be used at the agri-business complex near Dustin.

Community Centers Wanted

Tribal Citizens Express Needs

The Comprehensive Planning Administration conducted area community meetings at Eufaula, Sapulpa, and at the Tribal Complex the 12th, 13th, and 14th of March 1979, for the purpose of informing tribal members of the FY-79 Community Development Block Grant Program for which the Creek Nation will be applying. The meetings, in which over 300 tribal members participated, were conducted by Matt Tiger and Kenneth Tiger of the Planning staff and coordinated through Steve Wilson of the Division of Community Services.

The Creek Nation will be in region-wide competition with all the Indian tribes in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana for funds for fiscal year 1979. This will be the second year the Creek Nation is hopeful to be able to participate in

this particular grant. For FY-78 the Planning Administration was successful in securing \$300,000 to be used for housing rehabilitation for two communities and land acquisition for community centers to be constructed at two other communities. This year the tribe will be trying to obtain a \$400,000 grant.

The Community Development Block Grant is a program sponsored by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The grant is basically for the rehabilitation of homes but other activities can be performed under this grant to raise the housing and economic level of a community. At the area meetings the majority of the communities expressed a need for community centers. If the Creek Nation is successful again and receives the grant, rehabilitation of homes

will be the number one priority in order to comply with the federal regulations of this grant but with the additional money on this year's grant it may be possible for three community facilities to be constructed and land bought. The communities to receive the housing rehabilitation programs and the community facilities will be selected later through a rating system based on available date the tribe possesses along with the aid of the community inventories.

The primary purpose of the public hearings is to provide tribal citizens an adequate opportunity to express needs and preferences for community development which will aid immeasurably in the selection of priorities and allows input in the development of the application at the community level.

Weatherization

BY JAMES FLOYD

During the previous month the Creek Nation Weatherization Program has been active in four more Communities. Applicants approved by the Creek Nation Economic Opportunity Committee and scheduled for Weatherization Activities from the Department of Environmental Services Administration are the following:

MORRIS COMMUNITY

Susie Monday
Ida Stow
Pearl Monday
Dorothy Holata

BRISTOW COMMUNITY

John McNac
Wiley Knight
Lucinda Bear
Ida Riley
Winev Harjo

OKFUSKEE COMMUNITY

John King
Hanson Hicks
Josephine Morgan
Ida Micco

DUSTIN COMMUNITY

Ada Brown
Daniel Mickey
Minnie Thomas
Willis Smith
Lena Proctor

All the above Communities have been completed except Dustin, in which work is beginning as of this week. In the coming month the Environmental Services Administration staff will complete applications from Wilson, Henryetta, and Dewar Communities.

Applications are forwarded to the Economic Opportunity Committee for review and if the applicant meets the established criteria and is approved, will then be scheduled for Weatherization.

Creek Nation Job Opportunities

The following positions are vacant, effective present time.

Health Field Representative - Dewar & Sapulpa.

Health Field representative-LPN - Muskogee
Required: LPN License.

Manager - Health Services Administration - Okmulgee.

Preferred: Degree in Health Sciences and experience in managing Health Programs.

Physical Planner 1 - Okmulgee.

Required: Experience in managing construction projects.

Program Manager - Okmulgee.

Preferred: Degree in Education Fields; and, experience in managing Education Programs at the Community level.

Community Education Specialist -

PREFERRED:

Degree in Education Fields; and, experience in implementing community Education Programs.

Clerk-Typist - Oakdale.
Required: Record keeping; typing - 50 wpm; and filing.

Secretary - Okemah.
Required: Secretarial experience; typing - 60 wpm and shorthand - 70 wpm.

Medical Lab Technician - Okemah.

Required: Lab TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION.

Applications and requests for transfer may be forwarded to:

Personnel Office
Creek Nation
P.O. Box 1114
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

The vacancies shall be open for a period of (5) five working days.



The Creek Constitution Commission discusses details concerning the upcoming election during a regular Tuesday night meeting, at the complex.

Members of the commission are (Left to right) Robert Trepp, Virginia Thomas, Bryant Jesse, Chairman, Louis Fish, and Allen Harjo.

Indians Non-Indians Equal

The Navajo Times recently published the following 1979 policy statement of the American Farm Bureau Federation: "... We support legislation to establish the rule that both Indian and non-Indians have equal rights and responsibilities under the law.

All citizens should be required to obey the laws of local, state and national governments.

The 'nation unto nation' treatment of Indians should be abolished. We favor abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and termination of special Indian treaty rights by purchase or negotiation for fair compensation. The Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 might serve as a model.

Jointly, these steps will end special treatment of Indians and bring them to full equality under the law. In the meantime we urge Congress to clarify the conflict between Indians and non-Indians and to remove any historical liens or encumbrances in the areas of mineral, property and water rights.

The Federal Government should not financially support Indians in proceedings to establish property rights. We are opposed to any legislative approach similar to the Central Arizona Indian Tribal Water Rights Settlement Act of 1976.

We are also opposed to any proposal that would establish a special adjudication agency or procedures for the administration of Indian water claims."

Indian Painting Exhibition

'Native American Paintings', an exhibit of 100 paintings showing the many American cultural influences on Indian painting through the years, is scheduled for showing at the Comanche Tribal Complex, 8 miles north of Lawton near Apache gate on April 1 through May 6, 1979.

Native American Paintings shows the different compositions derived from tribal pictorial traditions and many European and American styles. Content and form have been



Andrus In Middle Of Indian Struggle

BY VINCE LOVETT
Secretary of the Interior Cecil Andrus, testifying before a House Appropriations Subcommittee February 21, opposed any dilution of diminution of United States trust responsibilities to Indian tribes.

In an exchange with Congressman Norman Dicks of Washington State, Andrus said that following recommendations that the Justice Department should no longer represent Indian tribes "would be a violation of the trust and the treaties that we have."

Andrus said that having Interior fund private counsel for the tribe was not an adequate alternative because such a system would be subject to political fluctuations. "If Congress doesn't like what is happening in the Federal courts they dry up the money and there goes the legal counsel," he said.

Congressman Dicks then asked Andrus if the 'Federal Government should have the same trust responsibility today that it may have had in the 1850's,' in the treaty-

making period. He explained that then the Indians needed a guardian to protect them and their resources but "today have citizenship," and are as competent "as anyone else in this society."

Andrus replied, "To do that could be likened to my having paid 19 years on a 25-year mortgage on my house and deciding that since I have paid that long I can tear the contract up. You can't do that."

Andrus continued: "Let me tell you why the Indian nations of America are different. People say, 'Well, what is the difference between that minority and the black minority or the hispanic minority or whatever?' You are ignoring the fact that they were here first.

This was their land. We came over here and we got off the boats, our forefathers did, and we went to these people who had this property and said to them, 'If you will let us have a part of your property we will agree to do this and this and this.

We will protect you. We will guarantee so much water. We will guarantee this and this.'

We put it on parchment or paper or whatever you want and we signed it and it was ratified by the Congress of the United States. That is a contract that is every bit as legitimate as the one that I referred to on the payments on the houses. So they are different in that regard.

Then we turned around, Mr. Dicks, and abused them for 100 years. We put them off on some scab patches of land and said 'That is where you will make your living,' and then we did not keep our commitment to them, in

Oklahoma Indian Youth Senate Planned

A conference to introduce Indian high school students to the process of a tribal government has been undertaken by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

The conference theme entitled "Youth for Tribal Government" an Oklahoma Indian Youth Senate is being planned for June 3-8th at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah. The program is designed to acquaint the student to the concept, function and need of a tribal government.

Participating Oklahoma tribes will be sending two high school representatives to the conference. The two students will then act as tribal delegates to the Oklahoma Indian Youth Senate.

"In the public school system students are taught that our federal system is comprised of a local, state and federal government. Tribes hold another form of government in the federal system and a lot of people are unaware of this fact," said Susan Arkeketa, coordinator for the conference.

She said, "the concept of the youth senate was developed after finding that courses were not available to teach high school students especially Indian students about tribal governments."

Arkeketa said, "the whole program is being

designed something like an Indian boys and girls state. The students will be taught the history and process of a tribal government. Speakers will be addressing issues and problems that affect Oklahoma tribes on both the state and national level."

The participants in the program will be designing their own tribal council and electing a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and council members. The newly created council will then be divided into committees and given mock problems to solve.

"Since this is geared toward Indian interest, students will have the opportunity to learn about other tribes through a program of cultural exchange," Arkeketa said.

Any high school junior or senior who is currently enrolled in a public school or boarding school is eligible to participate. Students must apply through their respective tribes to be considered as a representative.

There are 90 slots with 45 boys and 45 girls expected to participate. The deadline for names to be submitted to the OIAC office is May 1.

For further information in making application and the program agenda contact Susan Arkeketa, 4010 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 521-3828 or 521-2285.



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See Struggle on P. 12

...Okmulgee

Okmulgee Community sponsored a skating party March 17th which over forty people attended. Refreshments were served after the skating, at Creek Forest community building.

We will have a flea market April 7, at 715 S. Florida in Okmulgee. Any donations for this event will be appreciated.

Some of the money that was raised during the Sweetheart contest was used to help pay utility bills for the elderly members of our community.

Our Senior Citizens held a bean dinner March 16th, at Newtown Church.

We also held a bingo at our last community meeting. Our next meeting will be April 2nd. Which is the first Monday of that month.

The community will have a picnic at the Kiddy Lake April 6th in the evening.

Senior Citizens

The Okmulgee Indian Senior Citizens held their monthly dinner March 29 with 26 members and visitors attending.

At their last months meeting Steve Wilson, attending and discussed housing.

The Senior Citizens held a bean dinner last month and collected \$163.00 at the event.

Also at the last meeting Betty Woodfield showed the film "The Long Road Home".

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try not paying your bills for a month.

Okmulgee Indian Community will sponsor a Flea Market April 7th at 815 S. Florida. In Okmulgee, Oklahoma all donation can be left with Steve Wilson. Donations of any kind would be appreciated.

CARD OF THANKS

The families of Daniel Brown wish to express our sincere appreciation to everyone for their time, food, prayers, flowers, and help during our time of sorrow. Also we would like to express a special thanks to Rev. Martin Tarpalachée for being with the family during our time of need and Rev. Roley Haynes for officiating the services.

Amelia Brown and Family
Cy and Rose Johnson
—and Family

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wilson

We want to Thank everyone who came to our March 2nd meeting for their support in participating and attendance.

The two eldest members who attended were Amy Berryhill, 78 years old and Hully Taylor, 72 years old. Elizabeth Sullivan, from Kansas City, Mo. came as a guest of Deliah Berryhill and Yarna Burgess. At this meeting we had a food sale and a Film presentation by Betty Woodfield, Dept. of Adult Education. Our next meeting will be April 7th, Saturday, at 10:00 am.

Two families have moved into their new homes this year. We welcome Andrew and Anita Tecumseh, their two daughters, and Carolyn Cox Branson, and her family into the Wilson Indian Community. Also, we congratulate Ken Taylor, Jr. Anaheim, CA. on his fine art shown in the January-February Muscogee Nation News. He is the oldest grandson of Hully and Alice Taylor. Charles Elk-Chairman, Tom Berryhill, Vice-Chairman, Dicey Taryole-Secretary Stella Harjo-Treasurer, Almer Berryhill-Atheletic Director, Fund Raising Committee-Hepsey Gilroy, Lucille Bear, Coordinator-Sue Berryhill.



...Twin Hills

We had a food sale at the Complex March 23, which went so well that we are planning to have another one there.

Our community meetings are the first Friday of each month. All community members please come.

We have received some long awaited supplies, and we are very thankful for them.

We have had two wedding in the month of Marth both on the 24th. Ms. Eldean Tecumseh and Mr. Boyd Hill, and Ricky and Hazel Bruner. Our congradulations and best wishes go to both of these newly wed couples.

Concharty Church is planning their wild onion dinner for April 7th, starting at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and eat.

Our sincere prayers are with two members of our community who have become ill, Mrs. Earline Tecumseh and Mr. Amos Baker, we hope they have a speedy recovery.

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my opinion, for many years.

Then when energy in one form or another was found upon that land we went to them and tried to cheat them out of that. I am saying that the United States of America has to live up to a contract with them just like you have to live up to the one with your banker. Now, you brought it up, and I feel very strongly, as you can tell, about this."

Dicks, conceding that contractual rights had to be respected, said that people in his state and in the Nation thought that the extent of the trust responsibility should be reconsidered and that there seemed to be an attitude in Interior and BIA that the Government, should do "everything that the Indian people want" in matters of litigation and legal claims.

Andrus said that this was not Interior's attitude, that the Department did not always judge rights to be the same as Indians claims. He added, however, "But if I am going to err, I am going to err on the side of the Indians."

Andrus said he favored negotiated settlements of claims over litigation but added that he differed radically with those persons who argue "we are all Americans" and therefore Indians should have no special rights.

He said, "you can't ignore a contract that not

only was signed, it was ratified by the Congress in most instances."

Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs Martin Seneca pointed out, in his comments, that Andrus is frequently caught between opposing forces.

"On the one hand we have Congressman Dicks indicating that he doesn't understand why we go to the extent that we do with regard to the trust responsibility.

On the other hand we have the Indian community coming to this man as Secretary of the Interior indicating...that he isn't living up to his responsibility. So we are caught betwixt and between..."

Andrus subsequently said: Mr. Chairman, may I give another example of where I am on this issue...many of the tribes do not want to quantify the water rights as of this given time. They might want to wait and see what will be needed in the future.

I take a little different view of that because allocations are going on every day and many basins were already over allocated. I AM UP AGAINST IT THERE, AS Mr. Seneca pointed out. This happens to us down there constantly.

Maybe we err sometimes, Mr. Dicks. It is an honest error I assure you if we do, but it is an awful position to be in when we have been walking over them for years....."

Creek Nation Rodeo Asso.

The Creek Nation Rodeo Association has announced that it is now taking entries for the 1979 Fifth Annual All-Indian Rodeo Queen Contest.

Applicant must be between the ages of 16 and 25, single, must be at least ¼ Creek Indian (applicant must present a CDIB with application),

and must reside withing the Creek Nation.

For more information and entry forms, contact Josephine Wilson at 756-8504 or Phyllis Warnock at 756-8700 Ext. 232.

Creek Nation Tennis Asso.

The newly formed Creek Nation Tennis Association elected officers at a meeting held Wed. March 28 at the Creek Tribal Complex.

Elected were Buddy King, President, Lucien Berryhill Vice-President, and Phyllis Warnock, Secretary-Treasurer.

Membership in the association will be limited to people of ¼ degree Indian and who also reside within the Creek Nation boundaries.

The Association plans to provide instruction to members who are beginning tennis players and also hopes to sponsor a tournament sometime this summer.

If you would be interested in joining write: Phyllis Warnock, Creek Nation, Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Sports

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collections within the region as well as Arizona, Colorado, and South Dakota and provide a needed balance between the Plains, Woodland, and Southwest Indian traditions. It is the intent of the exhibition to provide for the viewer an opportunity to explore the historical basic for the development, continuity, and translation of cultural symbolism from artifacts to the unique advent of Indian easel paintings.

Included in the exhibit are: a special 15 minute audio-visual presentation to orient the visitor; a qualified speaker will be scheduled to discuss the exhibit, and a 27 minute film "The Dawn Riders". The film provides additional perspectives on the Native American artist through interviews with several accomplished Indian artists.

"Native American Paintings" is touring under the direction of the Mid-American Arts Alliance.

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Haskell Pow-Wow

(Lawrence) Haskell Indian Junior College will hold their Spring Pow-Wow May 4, 5, and 6 on the school campus.

Activities will include, Gourd Dancing, Social and Special Entertainment.

Head Singer will be Melvin Geionety (Kiowa) from Carnegie, Ok. Head Dancer will be Jim Galvin (Omaha) from Macy, Neb. Head Lady Dancer will be Angela Satepauhoodle (Kiowa-Osage) from Hominy, OK.

Health From P. 4

injury from accidents.

The Indian Health Service operates hospitals and clinics in 25 States, as well as preventive health, environmental health, mental health and other

The report also shows, however, that the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives continues to lag behind that of the general population. Among their special problems are alcoholism and death and special programs. This report describes the growth and increased utilization of IHS services which has contributed to improving the Indians' and Alaska Natives' health status.

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Chief Supports Ceremonial Grounds

Responding to allegations by tribal political opponents, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, announced today his continuing support for the traditional Creek and Yuchi Ceremonial Grounds.

"As Creek elections near, some have said that I wanted to close the ceremonial grounds", said Cox. "Of course this isn't true; the ceremonial grounds are as important to our traditional people as the churches are to our Christian people. As Creek Chief, I have always made decisions in the best interest of all Creek groups."

The ceremonial grounds, often called "Stompdance" grounds, because of the nature of the many traditional dance types, are the sacred areas where traditional Creeks meet to take part in ceremonial events.

"I am planning to invite leaders of the ceremonial grounds to discuss how the tribe can best protect the grounds within the

framework of a new federal law, the AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT", Cox said. The meeting, which is to be scheduled, will be between Cox and representatives to be chosen by the ceremonial grounds. There are about twenty-five ceremonial grounds within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Many of the ceremonial grounds are at locations which have been used continuously since the U.S. Civil War. Other grounds have been relocated because of urban growth, the construction of Eufaula Reservoir, and similar problems. At least one site on the national register of historic places is an abandoned ceremonial ground: The "Cree Council Tree", in downtown Tulsa was on the western edge of the Locapoka Ceremonial Ground.

"Even though I don't participate at any of the grounds, I have always supported the traditional people and the Creek



Creek Nation Rodeo, June 21-21

ceremonies. In order to protect one ground from being moved, I authorized the tribe to buy the land. The people of that ground ((Arbeka Tulledega) now hold a lease, from their tribe, for the grounds which is a protection we never had while non-

Indians owned that land".

Cox's meeting with ceremonial leaders will be announced in a letter to each of the grounds later this spring. The meeting will discuss the AMERICAN INDIAN RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ACT and other ways to

protect the ceremonies.

"Back at the time of allotment, the United States reserved one-acre areas for each Indian Church. Those reservations have enabled many of our churches to remain in the spots they (See TRADITION on

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Creek Festival Dates Set

Activities being held in conjunction with the Creek Nation Festival are being planned for the second and third weeks in June with the main activities being centered around the weekend of June 22-23.

Starting the activities will be the Creek Nation Indian Princess Pageant to be held at the New "Round Building" at the complex June 16th. Approximately 12 contestants will compete for the title presently held by Deneice Timothy of Dewar Community.

Also that weekend will be the Creek Nation

Tennis tournament which will run Saturday and Sunday at the Okmulgee municipal tennis courts.

The following Monday evening, June 18th there will be a Senior Citizen dinner honoring approximately 200 elderly community members from all the different Creek Communities. The dinner will be held at the Civic Auditorium in Henryetta.

One of the biggest and most exciting events of the festival will be the Annual Creek Nation Olympics on June 20 and 21. The Olympics will feature Indian athletes

from all over the United States. In its third year the Olympic committee expects over one thousand competitors to attend the event.

June 21-24 will be the weekend for the grand finale of the Creek Festival.

Starting on Thursday night the Creek Nation All-Indian Rodeo will run thru Saturday night. Along with the nightly performances, the rodeo will include the naming of the 1979 Miss Creek Nation Rodeo Queen.

On Saturday and Sunday there will be an All-Indian Golf Tour-

namment at the beautiful Fountainhead State Park Golf Course near Eufaula.

A softball tournament is planned to run June 22-24 at the municipal park in Okmulgee.

An array of activities are planned at the Creek Nation Complex on Friday and Saturday. Among these activities are; Gospel singing both days, Archery and Horseshoe pitching starting Saturday morning, Arts and Crafts booths, along with tours of the Complex facilities. There will be trophies and cash prizes for the

Archery and Horseshoe contests.

A parade with Senator Bob Miller as Grand Marshal will begin at 1:30 Saturday at downtown Okmulgee. The theme of the parade is "The Old and The New". Riding in the parade will be "Miss Indian America", Susan Arkeketa and "Miss Big Country", Marcinda Mitchell.

Coordinating all of the events during the festival will be Community Director Steve Wilson. If you would like more information about any of the events you may reach him at 918-756-8700.

CREEK NATION FORUM

Welcome To The Creek Festival

The past year at the Creek Nation has been a year of many changes, both good and bad, and a year with many deep-rooted political and traditional issues at stake.

With June being the month of the Creek Festival the time has come for us as Creek People to lay aside our differences, and if only for a week, a day, or even for a couple of hours, and renew the old friendships and memories that remind ourselves of our rich heritage and culture.

With the return of many Creeks who have made their homes across the nation along with those who have made the Creek Nation their home we will have a chance to renew these old friendships, and memories during the upcoming festival.

If only for a weekend I hope we can come together as a tribe and be thankful for progress that we have made and by seeing that progress go home and later decide what we think will be the best future for our people.

EDITOR

To The Editor,

Your article regarding "Eastern Creek Share \$1.3 Million" has caused some confusion among the Oklahoma Creeks. We are getting several phone calls and letters requesting application forms.

We would appreciate it if you would please explain that the share of the award received by the Oklahoma Creeks will not be distributed in a per capita payment.

This judgment of \$1,346,000 was awarded the Creek Nation in Indian Claims Commission Docket 275. The beneficiaries of the funds are the living descendants of the Creek Indian east of the Mississippi

(Eastern Creeks) and the Creek Tribe of Oklahoma.

A plan for the use and distribution of the funds appropriated to satisfy the award became effective June 15, 1978. Under this plan, the funds were divided between the Creek Nation of Oklahoma and the Eastern Creeks on the basis of the 1968 payment from Docket 21. There were 33,997 Oklahoma Creeks eligible and 7,656 Eastern Creeks eligible. The funds were divided as follows:

Oklahoma Creeks
81.6196 percent -
\$1,098,599.82 plus interest
Eastern Creeks 18.3804
percent - 247,400.18 plus
interest

The share received by the Creek Tribe of Oklahoma will be used for

social and economic development programs for the benefit of the Creek members by blood (no per capita payment).

Because the Eastern Creeks comprise an unorganized descendant group and are not federally recognized, there are no tribal entities through which their share of Docket 275 can be programed, therefore, their share of the award will be distributed in a per capita payment.

Sincerely yours,
Dennis Springwater
Area Tribal Operations
Officer

Festival Changes

The change in dates originally advertised in last month's Muskogee Nation News for this year's Festival are as follows:

Creek Nation Princess -
June 16

Creek Nation Golf
Tournament June 30, July
1st. at Fountainhead Golf
Course Eufaula, Ok.

Tradition

Continued From Page One
have occupied for over a hundred years, on grounds sacred because of the prayer and fasting which preceded their selection and because of their continued use as churches. But our ceremonial grounds didn't get reservations, our traditional people were at the mercy of the persons who owned the land. It was fortunate that in some cases non-Indians have been understanding enough to allow our

ceremonies to continue in their historic and sacred spots".

The bureau of Indian Affairs, a federal agency, is forming a task force to work on the implementation of the new Indian Religious Freedom Laws. "By Creeks agreeing in advance", Cox said, "We will be prepared to meet with these federal bureaucrats and approach them with a positive and unified position".

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Booths with Arts and Crafts and all kinds of foods, including many traditional Creek foods, will be a big part of the

festival activities to be held at the Creek complex June 22-23. June 23 will include a parade thru downtown Okmulgee.

Creek Named Miss Sequoyah

Rosa Tiger was crowned the 1979 Miss Sequoyah on Saturday night, May 5th at the Sequoyah High School gym. Rosa, a petite red-haired Creek from Catoosa, impressed the audience with her agility and showmanship in her gymnastic routine to "Swinging on a Star". Rosa, a 16 year old junior, also won the Physical Fitness Trophy. She was crowned by Sandra Owl, Sequoyah's 1976 Miss Sequoyah.

First runnerup in the 1979 contest was Carol Samuels, an 18 year old Choctaw from Midwest City. Carol sang "If You Could Read My Mind".

Carlotta Samuels of Oklahoma City was the 16 year old Choctaw sophomore capturing the Second Runnerup Trophy. She sang "For

All We Know".

Third runnerup was Mary Norman, a Ponca-Pawnee of Tonkawa, who gave a reading "What Is An Indian?". Mary is 17 years old and a junior.

Juanita Campbell, an 18 year old Cherokee, was the senior winning fourth runnerup as well as the coveted Miss Congeniality Trophy.

Diana Drywater of Tahlequah, a 15 year old freshman, won the Talent Trophy by capturing the audience's heart with a skit entitled "Edith Ann's First Day at Kindergarten".

Master and Mistress of Ceremonies were Jon and Barbara Master. Judging the contest were Oklahoma's Junior Miss, Gayle Clark, Mrs. Nathan Young, and Mr. Harley Little.



(Left to Right) Juanita Campbell, Carol Samuels, Queen Rosa Tiger, Carlotta Samuels, Mary Norman

Creek Headstart Seeks Donations

Geri Berryhill, Supervisor for the Creek Nation Headstart Centers at Eufaula and Yeager has requested donations for children's books, toys, old clothes (dresses, pants, tops, shoes, purses, etc. for dress-up & play), items which can be used in arts & crafts (i.e., foam

egg cartons, plastic baskets berries come in, yarn, fabric scraps, magazines, etc.) old drapes, blankets, rugs, pots, pans, or any sort of items which could be used by the children.

Contact Geri Berryhill, Oakdale Facility 756-8800

"The Mound" will be the site of the Creek Princess Contest which will be

held June 19 instead of June 16.

Okmulgee High School

First Americans Hold Heritage Dinner

Sofky and Fry Bread were only two of the Indian foods served at the annual Heritage dinner hosted by the Club of The First Americans of Okmulgee High School at Okmulgee Middle School Cafetorium, Friday, May 11.

The welcome was given by Tim Goodvoice and the invocation "The Lord's Prayer", given in Indian sign language by Patricia Thomas.

Mike Fry, Administrative assistant to the superintendent in charge of federally funded programs, gave the opening statements. His remarks centered around the thought of each student having a positive attitude toward his home, school and community.

Entertainment was provided by two outstanding students of the Okmulgee Middle School band. Samuel Woodfield and Teresa Gaines played

a clarinet duet which had previously won them the honor of being chosen best duet of the day, out of approximately four hundred students, at the Ada Band Contest. Samuel is the son of Betty Woodfield, an employee of Creek Nation.

Mrs. Pearl Thomas, Title IV-A Coordinator, introduced the guest speaker, Sparlin Norwood, "Director, Operation Eagle, Title IV-A program, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Norwood, a well known leader in Indian Education throughout the nation gave a most powerful talk of mother earth and the circle of life. Norwood summed up his remarks with the statement that all races of mankind fall into five colors, red, white, yellow, black and brown. He further stated that in each of us is part of all these colors and what they symbolize. The red is for

the blood that is necessary for all mankind to live. The white is the bone, or that part that supports the human body. The brown symbolizes the earth on which all mankind is so dependent for survival. The yellow signifies the brightness or intelligence with which man was endowed. The black signifies the sanity that each needs to face the darkness or unknown of the future.

There were approximately 150 who attended the dinner. Special guests who attended were Claude Cox, Chief of The Creek Nation, Billie Reese, Title IV Director, Coweta School, L.B. Wildcat, Indian Counselor, Beggs School, Kay Meadows, Resource Coordinator, Coweta School and Dewey McClain, Defensive Linebacker, Atlanta Falcons Football team, Okmulgee.



First American Club members, Tim Goodvoice, Steve Pigeon, Sandra Pigeon, Dana Giessman, Patricia Thomas,

Sparlan Norwood (Guest Speaker), Pearl Thomas (Title IV coordinator)

1,000 Athletes Expected

Indian Olympics '79

Indian Athletes from all over the United States will gather at Harmon Field in Okmulgee, to compete in the second Annual Creek National Indian Olympics, June 20-21.

With 700 athletes participating in the event last year Ester Holloway Olympic committee member, stated that this years number of contestants are expected to be well over a thousand.

The Creek Nation won last year's team trophy and will be fiercely

competing again this year for the impressive four foot tall Championship trophy. There will be second and third place team trophies as well as first, second, and third place individual medals.

The Creek Nation National Indian Olympics are the first of its kind to be organized.

For more information about the Olympics contact Dean Tiger, Ester Holloway, or Kenneth Grimes, phone 918-756-8800.



Okmulgee Public Courts

Creek Tennis Tourney

June 16-17

The Creek Nation Tennis Association will hold a two day All-Indian Tennis Tournament in conjunction with the 1979 Creek Festival. The tournament will be held June 16-17 at the public courts in Okmulgee.

The two-day tournament will offer men's and women's singles and doubles in both advanced and novice divisions. Entry fees are \$3.50 for singles and \$3.00 per player for doubles. Each player must be at least 1/4 Indian.

Entry deadline is June 10th. Contact Phyllis Warnock, 756-8700.



Downtown Okmulgee 1:30

Creek Parade June 23

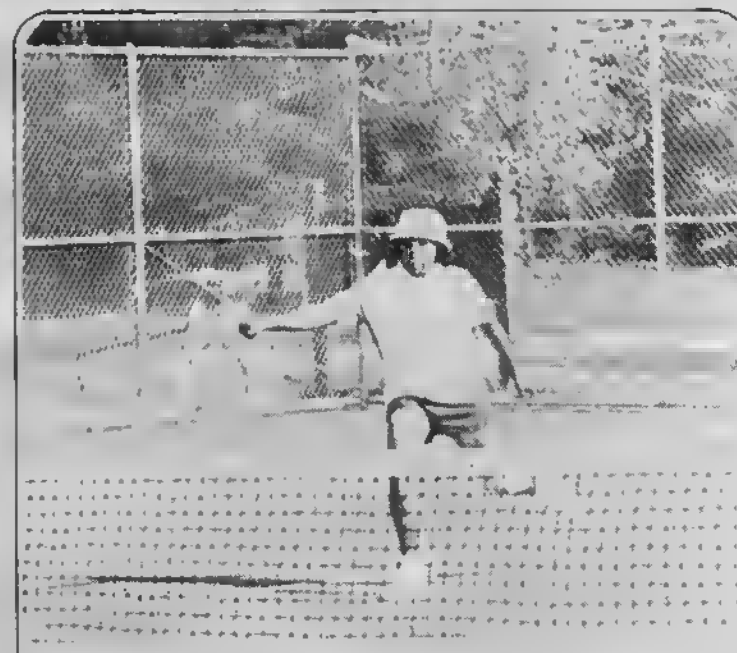
The Creek Festival Parade will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, June 23, 1979, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. The parade is open to any individual, group, organization, or business who may wish to participate. Prizes will be awarded for Creek Community Floats and equestrian units.

Contact the Parade Coordinator, Ron Scott, at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447, phone 918-756-8640 for details.



A Horseshoe Contest will again be a part of this year's festival activities at the

Creek Complex, June 22-23.



Bruce Harjo (Creek), shows the form he used to win a consolation trophy at the recent National Indian Tournament in Lawrence, Kan. Bruce will be playing in the upcoming Creek Nation Tourney.



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Creek Nation Princess Pageant

June 19

June 19th. will be the beginning of Creek Nation Festival '79. The Creek Nation Princess Pageant will start off a week long Festival in which different events will take place.

The Creek Nation Princess Pageant will be held Saturday the 16th at 7:00p.m. at the Henryetta Civic Center. A Creek girl from one of our Creek Nation Communities will be chose to reign over the week long festival.

Each contestant will, compete in the categories of talent, native dress, personality and poise.

The chosen Princess will receive a cash scholarship along with other various prizes.

The Dewar, Twin Hills and Okmulgee communities are in charge of the Princess Pageant this year.

Six of twelve contestants competing for Princess are:



CAROLYN BERRYHILL



LINDA YOUMANS



BENITA TIGER



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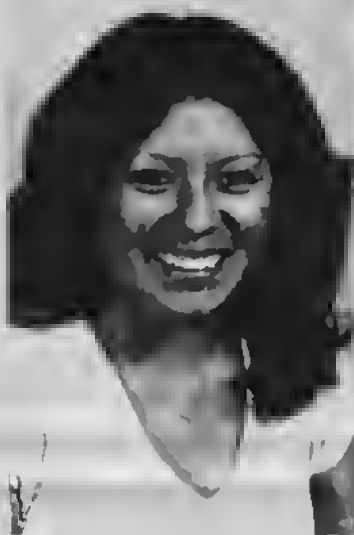
WELEETKA

Carolyn Berryhill

Carolyn Berryhill is 4-4 Creek, 17 years old and is representing the Okmulgee Indian Community.

Carolyn has been a member of Okmulgee High School band for 4 years playing for both marching and concert bands. She was in the Eastern All-District Band for 2 years and Alternate for 1 year. She also participated in District Solo and Ensemble for 3 years, and was in the Okmulgee County Honor Band for 2 years.

Her other interests include being a member of the Indian Club for 4 years, and the HERO Club for 1 year. She en-



MARTHENIA TIGER



REGINA BAKER



KATHY BROWN

joys soccer and softball. Carolyn's career interest is in Child Development.

Kathy Brawn

Kathy Brown is also representing the Okmulgee Indian Community. Kathy is 4-4 Creek, she is attending Okmulgee High School, where she has been a member of the drill team and a cheerleader for 2 years. She has also been active in the Drama Class, and Pep Club.

Kathy has taken 2nd place in two events at a speech tournament.

She has participated in softball and basketball, and also enjoys singing, dancing, gymnastics and writing poetry.

Kathy's career interests are in nursing or being a lawyer.

Linda Yaumans

Linda Louise Youmans is a candidate from the Yeager Community. She is attending Seminole Junior College where she is a sophomore.

Linda's career interest is in Business, Secretary. Her achievements have been: Freshman Class

Reporter, Junior Class treasurer, Pep Club, Future Business Leaders of America Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes Co-Captain, National Honor Society, State Honor Society, Honor Choir, Girls State Delegate-1977, OSU Alumni Award, First National Bank Student Board of Directors-Secretary; Who's Who Among American High School Students, Society of Distinguished American High School Students, Honor Senior, Elks Club Award, Youth Choir at church; singing solos in church.

She also participates in basketball, softball, and volleyball.

Benita Tiger

Benita Ruth Tiger, is from the Checotah Indian Community. She is 4-4 Creek...and a graduate from Checotah High School.

Benita was awarded the George W. Stidham Memorial award, and a scholarship fund was sent to Haskell Indian Jr. College, where she will

pursue her interest in the medical field.

Benita enjoys basketball, softball, she also dances at Indian gatherings.

Regina Baker

Regina Baker is representing the Glenpool Community. Her career interest is in counseling or teaching pre-school or kindergarten.

Regina is a member of VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America). She has participated in several contests, child care and speech contest.

Her sports interest are volleyball and tennis. She also enjoys dancing, working with children, and public speaking.

Marthenia Tiger

Marthenia Tiger also 4-4 Creek is from the Duck Creek Community. She attends Liberty High School, where she will be a senior.

Some of Marthenia's interests include volleyball, softball and music. Her career interest is in Child Care.



Miss Creek Nation '78 Denice Timothy

Indians Opposed To Move

Efforts to move Indian education programs into the proposed new Department of Education have not subsided despite almost-solid opposition of Indian people to the move.

On April 26 Senator Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma proposed an amendment to S. 210, the Department of Education bill, to include BIA education programs in the new department.

Bellmon said that he was "amazed to find out how unanimous the Indian tribal representatives were in favor of leaving Indian education where it is, in the BIA."

He said they were the same people who "over the years, have complained bitterly of how tribal affairs have been

run by the Bureau...but yet when you talk about transferring a program from the Indian agency, those same people become ardent defenders of the status quo."

Senator Abraham Ribicoff, chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, agreed that the transfer should be made even though "the Indians somehow are under the impression that they are going to be harmed by such a transfer, and have indicated overwhelming opposition.

Ribicoff added that the Office of Management and Budget intended to devote considerable time and do a lot more work in Indian territories to convince the Indians that the transfer would be beneficial.

Indians Explore Solar Energy

Representatives from American Indian tribes and the Indian business and development community throughout the United States will meet in Tucson, Arizona, June 21-22, to learn how solar electric technology can benefit American Indian people.

The National Conference on Solar Electric Applications for American Indian Communities is designed to provide basic, practical information about solar electric systems and uses, potential opportunities for American Indian business enterprises and possible Federal funding support

for solar electric projects on Indian lands.

The two-day conference is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, and NASA's Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

For additional registration and program information, contact:

Elaine Quayle

NASA-Lewis Research Center

(216) 433-4000, Ext. 6135

or

Jerry Elliott

American Indian Science and

Engineering Society
(713) 483-5226

BIA Offers Events Calendar

The 1979 calendar of Indian fairs, exhibits, ceremonials, dances, feasts and other celebrations is now available, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today.

Most of the events in the state-by-state listings occur in the summer or fall months and are open to tourists and other visitors. The pocket-size booklet lists more than 500 items, giving the nature of the activity,

dates and locations.

The booklet also contains some summary information about Indians in the United

States and the addresses of Bureau of Indian Affairs' field offices.

The calendar may be obtained for \$2.30 from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. The stock number is 024-002-0067-5.

Career Opportunities

Counselor

The Tahlequah Title IV Parent Committee is seeking a Counselor, secondary level, at the Tahlequah Junior High School, Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

Candidates must have a Standard Certificate in the State of Oklahoma.

transcript to: John Pearce, Superintendent, Tahlequah Public Schools, 225 N. Water Street, Tahlequah, OK 74464

Teacher's Aid

2 Teacher's Aide Positions

Eufaula Headstart Center

Qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent
Provide own transportation

Indian & Headstart parent applications will be given preference

For further information, contact Geri Berryhill at 756-8800

Closing date for applications June 30, 1979

Program Director

DESCRIPTION:

To teach and coordinate the teaching and development of basic survey plus advanced courses in a Native American Studies Program in a small predominately Native American Indian two-year college. Requires experience in working with and substantial knowledge of the Native American and Native American history, culture, general literature, government, community, and issues associated with the Native American during the past and present.

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's Degree required, Master's Degree preferred plus the ability to work with Native American people

SALARY:

Salary range-\$10,500 to \$17,700 for nine-month contract.

APPLICATIONS:

Submit application to Personnel Department, Bacone College, Muskogee, OK 74401

along with resume or vitae, transcripts, and three letters of recommendation.

DEADLINE:

June 11, 1979 or until a suitable candidate applies whichever is later.

Health Scholarships

Two health professions scholarship programs operated by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Indian Health Service (IHS) under authority of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437) and the Public Health Service Act are now available in the SECOND '79 CYCLE to applicants.

The Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program For Indians (Section 103) provides scholarship support to Indian people for up to two academic years of preprofessional education to enable a student to be eligible to enroll or re-enroll in a school of health professions.

24-hour toll free phone: (800) 638-0824--(Except from Maryland, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Commonwealths or Possessions)



Creek Youth Named Valedictorian At Glenpool

Johnna Michelle Brown was named valedictorian of the 8th grade at Glenpool School. Graduation was May 18, 1979.

Johnna has maintained straight A's her entire school years. She is an avid reader and also enjoys writing.

She is a sports enthusiast and has awards in several sports-softball, track, gymnastics, and basketball. At the present her favorite sport is

basketball and she is looking forward to playing high school ball this year at Glenpool.

Johnna is a Creek Indian. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mack Brown of Glenpool. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Luellen of Henryetta. Paternal grandmother is Lillie Soweka Scott, great-grandmother is Wisey Soweka of the Ryal Community. Maternal great-mother is Ethel Morris of Henryetta.

3rd Annual Creek Nation Golf Tourney

June 30- July 1

At Fountainhead State Park Golf Course

The Third Annual Creek Nation Festival Golf Tourney will again be held at the beautiful and demanding Fountainhead State Park Golf Course on June 30, July 1, 1979.

This year's tourney will consist of six flights: Championship, A, B, C, D, and Ladies with qualifying rounds on Saturday to determine flights players will compete in on Sunday.

Tee times for Saturday

will be between 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon, with a happy hour beginning at 4:00 PM Saturday afternoon, followed by a buffet dinner featuring Creek Indian dishes.

Sunday's tee times will begin at 8:00 AM with the Ladies Flight followed by the lower flights through Championship.

There will be gifts for all entrants as well as special awards to be

presented on Sunday by Principal Chief, Claude Cox. Closest to the Hole and Longest Drive contests will be held on Sunday with prizes awarded to the winners. Plaques and cash awards will be presented to the top three finishers in each flight on Sunday.

For additional information on this year's tourney, contact Myron Taylor, Area Code 918-756-8700, Ext. 223.



Myron Taylor holds the flag as Rick Kelly tries his luck on the green. Myron and Rick will be directors for the golf tourney.

3rd Annual

All Indian Softball Tournament

The Creek Nation Festival will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual All-Indian Softball tournament, June 22, 23, and 24.

Sixteen teams from Oklahoma will compete for jackets and trophies in the three days tournament. The first place team will receive jackets and team trophies. Second and third place teams will receive in-

dividual and team trophies. fourth place team trophy. M.V.P., Outstanding Pitcher, Hitter, and Fielder trophies will also be given at the conclusion of the tournament.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$45.00, deadline for entry is June 18, 5:00 p.m. for more information contact Ken Tiger, Creek Nation Complex 918-756-8700.



COMMUNITY NEWS

...Okmulgee

Okmulgee Community is planning on having a food booth during the Okmulgee Pow-Wow days celebration, June 6-9th, if anyone would like to donate their time by working in the booth please contact the center at 756-2597.

At our last meeting Diane Minie from the Red Cross showed a film on Torandos.

The Senior Citizens elected new officers at their last dinner.

Our next meeting will be June 11. We hope there will be a big turn out. Float ideas, and Rodeo Queen contestants will be the main topics of discussion.

The community is also selling chances on a ladies billfold and turquoise ring. The chances are 50 cents a piece, the drawing will be held June 9th. These items were handmade and donated to the community by Easter Fixico Jr. of Okmulgee.

...Bigham

The Bigham community started their Arts and Crafts classes on April 17 at the home of Mrs. Susie Scott.

The community members held a food sale on April 21, "Pioneer Day" in Okemah. A special thanks goes to all community members who volunteered their time and help to this sale.

Mr. and Mrs. John Scott of Dallas, Texas visited his mother, Mrs. Susie Scott over Easter weekend.

Bigham community workers are Thomas Deere, Frank Dixon and Frances Daniels.

On April 5, Frank Dixon went on Educational tour with the G.E.D. class to Kansas.

COWETA RABIES CLINIC
DATE CHANGED
TO
JUNE 25th

...Kellyville

The Kellyville community held their monthly meeting May 7th. Those in attendance were Wilma Dunn, Dimmy Washburn, Bea Buckley, Albert Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Bill Harris, James Felix, Albert Tolland, Daisy Harris, Jenice Felix, Debbie Toppah, Delbert Dunn, Wannie Cahwee, Paula Tabor, Ruth Dunn, Salo Felix, Martha Dunn, Paul Jones, Shirley Brown, Foster Cahwee, Warren Allen, Ann Rolland, Addie George, Mose Cahwee, Thelma Cahwee, Dorothy Lee, Newman Littlebear, Ruby Littlebear, Ruth Traynor, Sara Whinery, Phil Whinery, Irene Parkinson, and Darlene Parkinson.

As a fund raising project, the community held a men and womens slow pitch tournament Memorial Day weekend.

Congratulations to Shelia Watashe and Darrell Jones for winning the 1979 Kellyville Title IV Princess and Brave contest.

They were honored during the Indian food dinner sponsored by Title IV April 27th. Shelia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Watashe and Darrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jones.

Mike Pahsetopal was awarded a plaque for outstanding Indian Community member and alumni of Kellyville school at the dinner also. He is well known as an artist and an excellent war dancer.

We would like to note that Darrell Jones came in second in the 2-mile

and second in the mile run at the Regional track meet in Sand Springs.

Slimnastics classes are held each Monday evening at 7 p.m. Those who signed up are urged to attend regularly.

Our community is sponsoring a Little League girls team. David Dennison is coaching the team. They won their first game against Glenpool 25-9. We wish them good luck in their upcoming games.

We are deeply saddened by the death of one community member, Jackson Barnett. We extend our sympathy to the family.

A rabies clinic was held May 10th, at the residences of Albert Rolland and Lola Hardridge.

On May 11, a food sale was held at the complex. Thanks to all those who donated food and help.

...Twin Hills

One of our community members is ill in the hospital, Bengie Wilson. Our prayers and best wishes are with him and his family.

Our community had a bingo and food sale to raise money to plan a trip for our elderly people.

Some of our members are getting there homes winterized. They are very thankful for the program.

We have two youth who entered in the Community Olympics they are Brenda Cochran and Eddie Tecumseh.

...Wetumka

We held a food sale and bingo Friday April 27, to help pay for the expenses of the center.

We are having Creek Language classes every Tuesday at 6:30-9:30. John Riley is our teacher.

There was a Johnson O'Malley meeting and it was decided to take all the Johnson O'Malley children to the Oklahoma City Zoo May 12.

We had an Easter Egg hunt for our community

April 17. There were 18 families that participated in the hunt.

Minnie Poole, our Coordinator, and our community workers attended First-Aide classes, last April. The community aides are Wilma Coachman, Margaret Harjo, J.D. Roberts, and Winston Billy is our elderly worker.

Our next meeting is June 4th.



Dave Lewis, coordinator for Yardeka, recently graduated from Connors State Junior College. Dave is majoring in social work.

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JOYCE BOWLER
BUDDY YORK

PHYLLIS WARNOCK
RUBEN WHITLOW
SLYVIA TULSA
MARY NOSES

Rodeo Princess Contest

The Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Contest is in motion once again. The contestants are Joyce Bowdler, Marcette Gibson, and Vickie Lynn Harjo.

In charge of these contestants are Josephine Wilson, and Phillis Warnock. They have set rules before each girl so they will all have a fair and equal chance.

The contestants will sell ads for the rodeo programs and these contestants have until June 11, to get their ads in. No ads will be taken after June 11, 1979. Each contestant may sell ad-

vance rodeo tickets, have food sales, or anything to raise money in their behalf. These donations will be turned in June 21st by 11:00.

The final judging will be at 2:00, held in the rodeo arena south of Okmulgee. This is not open to the public. These girls will be judged 50 percent on amount of money raised, 20 percent on horsemanship, 20 percent Western appearance, and 10 percent personality.

Tammi Harjo, last years Queen will give her crown and title to one of these very deserving girls. Good luck girls.



MARCETTE

Vickie Lynn Harjo is the daughter of Nelson Harjo, grand-daughter of Lousi 'Doc' Harjo, and the great grand-daughter of Bunny and Betsy Harjo. She is the fourth generation of a rodeo family and is familiar with all events.

Vickie started riding the barrels as a child. She won first place in the girls division Steer-riding in the Clear-view, Oklahoma Jr. Rodeo at the age of 9. She has participated as a Queen contestant, placing second in the Wetumka Rodeo of 1978.

Vickie is a 17 year old high school Junior, does well scholastically and is a participant in many school activities. She play basketball, volley ball, softball, sings in the girls chorus and is a member of the FFA organization. Her hobbies include all active sports mentioned above as well as riding and country music.

Vickie is a very attractive, outgoing young lady, full of live and quite well mannered. Being very petite, under 5 feet and weighing 94 pounds, she presents a striking figure astride her horse. With her long dark brown hair, brown eyes and light olive complexion she truly reflects her Creek Indian heritage.



JOYCE

Joyce Bowdler is 24 years old and has been employed with Creek Nation Manpower for 3½ years.

Joyce graduated from Henryetta High School and has attended Seminole Jr. College.

She was a member of Creek Nation Rodeo Association for 2 years and her hobbies include: horseback riding, swimming, sewing, and attending rodeos.



VICKIE

The Creek Nation Housing Authority, is sponsoring Miss Marcette Gibson, as a candidate for the Creek Nation Rodeo Queen.

Marcette is a 15 year old Creek-Seminole from Okemah. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marc Gibson, and the grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcy Gibson and Katie Williams of Okemah.

Marcette is very active in school and organizations she is a member of the Okla. Cowgirl Association, All Indian Rodeo Association, and First Baptist Church of Okemah. She served on the student council 1978 and 1979, was Co-Valedictorian of her Freshman Class, lettered in Band and Basketball in 1977, 1978, and 1979. Her other accomplishments have been Okemah Round-Up Queen, and being a member of the Oklahoma Junior Honor Society, '77, '78 and '79.



Creek Nation All-Indian Rodeo

June 21-22-23



Miss Creek Nation Rodeo '78, Tammi Harjo

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Constitution Ratification Delayed

An official source for the Creek Constitution Commission concedes that a stalemate exists between the Commission and the Secretary of Interior concerning ratification of a new constitution.

According to the source, the stalemate caused the postponement of the April 14 voting date which resulted from the Commission and Secretary of Interior's refusal to come to terms concerning voting procedures within the constitution. Whether to allow registered Creek voters who are of 1/4 or less degree of

Indian blood to vote in Creek elections.

Also the source indicated that the judge who is presiding on the case is tied-up with other matters such as jury trials. He added that the (Andrus vs. Harjo) appeal was another factor in the delay of the ratification of the Constitution.

The appeal in (Andrus vs. Harjo) prevented the ratification of the proposed constitution until the procedural rights of the Creek citizens were protected in substance by referendums on three significant changes from the 1867 Constitution.



Creek elderly honored. Our parents and grandparents gathered in Henryetta for a meal presented in their honor. Guest speaker, Harley Little, BIA Superintendent said that it is because of these people that we are proud to be Indians.

Festival Features Annual Events

The Creek Festival was this year a well planned schedule of events. The crowds were not as large as expected at a few events, but this may have been due to the energy crunch or the fact that many of the events were held on different weekends along with some events scattered into the week days.

The Creek Nation Tennis Tournament, first in the long line of events, was held June 16-17. Only into its first year, the tournament drew Indian tennis players from Kansas, Oklahoma and Arizona. Approximately 90 players participated in the event.

The following Monday evening, June 18, a dinner was held for over 200 elderly Creek Indians, at the Municipal Center in Henryetta. The catered barbeque meal was in honor of all Senior Creek Citizens, with elderly representing each of the Indian Communities in the Creek Nation. Guest speaker for the dinner was BIA Superintendent Harley Little.

One of the more beautiful events of the festival was the Creek Princess Pageant which featured 8 contestants representing their respective communities.

The Pageant consisted of

the girls displaying their traditional dress, talent, and charm. After all the judging was finished, Miss Kathy Brown of Okmulgee Community was chosen to reign over the Creek Festival and to represent the Creek Nation as the 1979 Creek Nation Princess.

In its third year, the Creek Nation Indian Olympics again drew participants from all over the U.S. Although the crowds were not as large as years past the enthusiasm and excitement was as high as ever. The Creek Nation again captured the five foot tall team trophy for the second

year in a row.

The Creek Nation Rodeo ran its three night performance with good size crowds each night. Joyce Bowdler of Henryetta was chosen as Miss Creek Nation Rodeo Queen for the event.

The main weekend of the festival included; gospel singing, a horseshoe contest, archery contest, arts and crafts, all held at the Creek Complex. Adding to the festivities was a beautiful mile long parade thru downtown Okmulgee.

The final event planned for the festival was the Creek Nation Golf tournament, June

30 and July 1, at the Fountainhead State Park Golf Course. Winning the men's championship was Dan Grover of Tahlequah and winning the women's division was Anna Sue Nimsey of Anadarko.

A softball tournament had been scheduled for June 23-24 but was rained out before completion of the men's division. Winnin the women's division was the Okmulgee Reds coached by Hanna Beaver. Sidney Long was chosen most valuable player. The completion of the tournament is scheduled for sometime in August.

Creek Constitution Commission Meetings

Every Tuesday 7:30 P.M. Open To The Public

CREEK NATION FORUM

How I Plan To Help My Tribe

I think the Indian people should exercise the civil rights that for so long they weren't even aware they had. They should understand the working of their council. The people should have representatives that help them and tell them things, rather than just listen to them when they have a problem.

I would like to communicate with my people and help them to understand as much as I possibly can. All tribes are trying to survive, and I feel to survive, they must listen to suggestions from the elders. The elders I know have had their ways set for so long it's almost impossible for them to change. But once you explain to them the necessity of their support, as role models for their children and families, they are more than willing to help get across the message they've been telling everyone about for so long.

As our generation emerges

into the political world there are many things we could do by learning from past mistakes. I hope someday to be on the council for our tribe. I would like to hold an office and work for the people. I'd like to coordinate a program, such as the one we are attending, for the young and old. I want to put greater emphasis on elders and young people. They are usually the greater majority of uninformed members. The old are accused of not keeping up with the times and the young, inexperienced.

I just hope the tribe can keep all of its sovereignty in check, it will be challenging to wage our war on the wrong we've lived with for years. I just hope I can prove to be a leader and get a lot done. I've learned a lot this week and I plan to tell people now about what I have learned.

Diane Blackbird
Cherokee

Creek Tribe Last One

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has adopted a constitutional form of government scheduled to go into effect when a new chief and representatives to a tribal council are elected later this summer.

The constitution has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior and ratified by vote of tribal members and the election of officers is scheduled for July 28.

Before the new form of

government can be implemented a ruling by a United States District Court is to remove a barrier created by litigation.

The constitutionally established tribal council will share government authority with the chief. The chief has been the sole ruler of the tribe.

The Choctaws will become the fourth of the Five Civilized Tribes to adopt a constitutional form of government.

MVTO

I would like to express my appreciation to Miss Indian America Susan Arkeketa, Miss Indian Oklahoma, Freda Tapedo, Miss Cherokee Nation, Miss Choctaw Nation of the Chief of the Choctaw Nation and everyone who participated in the Festival Parade.

I would also like to thank everyone who served on the Incess Pageant committee, the Tennis Asso. Golf Asso. the Softball Association and the Creek Nation Security Officers, and all others for helping to make the Creek Nation festival a big success. Steve Wilson



Constitutional Coordinator Encourages Creeks To Vote

Spencer Wilkinson, coordinator for the Creek constitution commission, encourages Creek tribal member to familiarize themselves with the commission's services and operations.

Citing a lack of voter interest at Creek polling sites, Wilkinson felt it necessary to give the Creek people an idea of what's going on to alleviate the sagging voter interest.

The Creek constitution Commission consists of ten secretaries who mail out information and update registered voters. He continued that the Creek Nation is divided into voting districts and that there are registers in every district.

He also said that the commission schedules hearings, meeting and assist in commission work.

Referring back to lack of voter interest, Wilkinson said that timing or changing the date of the elections was responsible for the lack of voter interest. He added that date changing confuses potential voters.

Wilkinson concluded by saying that if anyone has difficulties concerning voting procedures, contact the Creek constitution commission office at 746-7408.

To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We are sending this letter to you with the thought in mind that there might be two stories for your wonderful paper, Muscogee Nation News.

Two years ago my oldest grandson, Larry Gene Romig, Jr., was attempting to gain entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. He needed help badly as he had been rejected due to a slight hearing difficulty. He appealed to our Chief Claude A. Cox for help along this line. You will find enclosed the results of this help which constitutes the following:

1. A copy of a letter by Chief Cox to the President of the United States;

2. A copy of the answer to above letter from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Joseph T. McCullen, Jr.;

3. A copy of Chief Cox's answer to Joseph T. McCullen, Jr. letter;

4. A copy of the appointment of Larry G. Romig, Jr. to the Naval Academy;

5. A picture of Larry Gene Romig, Jr. in his uniform.

Larry will go into his 3rd year next September at the Naval Academy. He is receiving a wonderful education and has seen a lot of the United States including Alaska. He received his Indian blood from his late great maternal grandmother, Vollie (Scott) Dixon, Muskogee, Oklahoma and is recorded under her Roll Number 1170 with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. It is a wonderful thing

which our Chief Claude Cox is doing for the members of our tribe. This is but a small example of what he is accomplishing.

You will also find enclosed a picture of Douglas Dean Romig who is Gene's younger brother who graduated from Caney High School, Caney, Kansas this year. Doug had no physical problem but did have a slight grade problem. You will find enclosed a copy of the letter which Chief Cox wrote to the President of the United States concerning Doug's request for help in gaining entry to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Also enclosed is a letter from James A. Worsinke, Lt. Col. USAF, granting Doug's wish and a copy of Chief Claude Cox's letter to K.L. Tallman, Lt. General USAF, Superintendent of USAF Academy. Doug will leave in July to take up his studies at the Air Force Academy Prep School.

These two appointments could not have been possible had it not been for the efforts of Chief Cox. We feel that all Creek Indians should know of the tremendous impact which Chief Cox weilds as head of our people and the wonderful things which he is accomplishing with this power. Any good things which you might print concerning his efforts will be appreciated by us and we know of a certainty, it will be a help to the Creek Nation.

Very truly yours,
Sam Dixon

Tribal Newsletter Form Association

Rudy Bantista, editor of the Kioway Indian News, was elected President of the Southern Plains Indian Media Association, a recently formed organization of 18 Indian newspapers and media offices in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Bantista said that the association would work to "improve communications among Indian people and between Indians and the non-Indian public."

He said, "We want to improve our standards, exchange news and provide technical assistance to those who need it."

He added, "Probably the toughest goal to meet will be freedom of the Indian press

and media.

It seems that regardless of what tribe we represent, there is some form of censorship exercised by the tribal government."

Other officers elected are: vice presidents, Mary Anny Anquoe, editor of the Tulsa Indian News, and Rusty Coffee, production coordinator for the Kickapoo Tribe; secretary, Susan Arkeketa, media newsletter, Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission; treasurer, Quinton Roman Nose, communications director, Cheyenne-Arapahoe Tribe.

The next meeting of SPIMA will be July 20, at the Indian Emphasis Building, 1240 E. 5th Pl. in Tulsa.



Adult Ed.

Community Classes To Stop

Although the Creek Nation HEW Adult Education program will end this August 31 there is still time for many Creek citizens to receive their GED diplomas.

Although there is still a need for Creek Citizens to receive their GED diplomas there seems to be a growing sense of apathy among the people.

Mae Wilson, program instructor, said that she recently contacted thirteen potential students in the Okemah area all with the promise that they would attend the classes. When it finally came time for the classes to begin only two students showed up.

Kenneth Bunner, another program teacher, stated that this may be the last chance to receive GED training within

the communities. Bunner said that GED training may be important in retaining or obtaining a job.

John Bigpond, manager for the program, feels that even though the program is ending there are still many potential students within the Creek Nation and that his staff will do as much as possible to see that these people receive their diplomas before the program ends.

If you would like to take advantage of the Adult Education program before it ends you may contact any one of the Adult Education staff at the Oakdale School in Okmulgee. You can drop by the school or you can call 1-918-756-8800.

Creek Art Donated For Mound

Chebon Decon, a Creek artist, world champion war dancer and a noted football player while attending O.U. until a knee injury stopped his career, has donated seven of his art works to the Creek Nation to be hung in the new Mound.

Chebon stated that he had been all over the U.S. and had visited with many tribes and when asked by other tribes what the Creek tribe has done, he didn't know what to say because he had never been to the Creek Capitol Complex. Now that he has visited the new Complex grounds, he is very proud of what the Creek tribe has accomplished.

Letter To The Editor

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Dear Editor:

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Brick Autry. I am a librarian in this small county seat near Amarillo-namely Dimmitt, Texas. My claim to being Creek is through the Robison clan who lived near Wetumka in early days. My grandmother, Fannie Autry still lives there today.

I've been getting the Muscogee Nation News for several months now, and I am pleased that you can turn out such a fine paper. I started my career just a couple of years ago in Indian papers and things published by tribes in the Southwest and I can only tell you how good the Muscogee News is in comparison. And that pleases me because all those damn Western tribes accuse Oklahoma Indians of not being too much Indian.

Being an Indian librarian brought me into many areas of research-museum work and archives - for only a few - but one of the most interesting and the subject which created the most avid attention was Indian geneology. Did you know that there is next to nothing on tracing Indian families? It's a wide open field, one which I would dearly love to work in more if I wasn't so far away from OK City. I promised a handbook on the subject but I'm afraid the gas shortage will cause me

(See LETTER on Page 4)

Rules And Regulations

Creek Nation Tribal Burial Fund

The following are the rules and regulations for the Creek Nation Tribal Burial Fund.

I. **APPLICABILITY** Funds which are available for this project shall be retroactive to September 1978 and will remain applicable until project funds are depleted.

II. **DEFINITIONS** Eligibility: Any persons(s) who is of Creek Indian by blood or a lineal descendant of same. As related to the 1971 Per Capita Distribution or the 1907 Dawes Roll of the Creek Nation. Proof: Proof will be considered proof when documentation station a degree of blood and tribe is provided by the applicant. Creek Nation Authorized Staff: The staff person who is assigned the duties of carrying out the provisions of these rules who is the employee of the Creek Nation. A. Division of Community Services. Social Research and Development Administration.

III. **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND APPLICATION** A. Policy- The general policy with regard to eligible persons is that funeral expense assistance may be used only for services which comply with the requirements of this part.

B. Persons(s) representing: or is an immediate family member of the deceased must complete application form requesting financial assistance.

C. Determination of Eligibility-This subpart sets forth the eligible services that may be undertaken to assist to receive monies for the purpose of aiding and reducing the financial burden to the persons to whom the deceased is an immediate family member.

1) Person (s), who are of Creek Indian by blood a lineal descendants of same.

(a) Proof by CDIB, voter registration card, or affidavit.

2) Family household personal income that meets the income guidelines established by HEW and in use by BIA.

(a) Verification by W-2 Form, letter from employer, letter from Social Security Office or other documentation.

(b) 125 percent of BIA Social Services income guidelines

3) Death Verification

(a) Proof of verification will be accepted when authorized Creek Nation staff confirms in writing or verbally which-or by funeral home or public obituary that the person (s) is deceased.

D. In the event an applicant is not eligible as outlined below, they will be notified by mail and the reason (s) for a non-eligible determination will be given.

(a) Criteria for non-eligibility

(1) Applicant's income is above income guidelines established by HEW and in use by BIA.

(2) Verification of death cannot be established.

(3) Lack of funds

This program will remain in effect as long as funds are available.

E. Creek Nation authorized staff will begin process for payment in an amount which may not exceed \$131 per death.

IV. **EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS** A. The funds available for this project shall be used solely for the purpose of defraying funeral expense as outlined above.

B. Applicants will be served on a first come, first served basis for the duration of available funds.

V. **APPROVAL** Final approval-disapproval will be the responsibility of the Executive Direction.

(a) Approved applications will be forwarded to fiscal management for processing of payment.

(b) Payments shall be in letter of credit form.

(c) No payments will be paid directly to the applicant.

(d) Payments will be paid directly to the vendor (s) who appear on the application and are shown on itemized statements attached.

VI. **AVAILABILITY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS** These Rules and Regulations shall be published in the next monthly edition of the Muscogee Nation News, and shall thereafter be available, in the Office of the Director of Community Services, at the request of any Creek citizen, organized Community, tribal town, ceremonial ground, or church.

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Learning For Tomorrow

Class Of '79 Graduates

LUF AULA HEADSTART

Commencement exercises for the first Headstart class to graduate from the Fufaula Headstart Center were held on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. The ceremony was held at the Headstart center and was attended by many parents, staff, relatives, and friends.

After the processional, an invocation was given by Millie Colbert. Janet Lee, Head Teacher, welcomed all present and introduced special guests. A program of songs was performed by all Headstart students. They presented the following songs: "My Country 'Tis of Thee", "I've Been Working on the Railroad", "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear".

Bobbie Barnes and Millie Colbert presented awards to all three and four year olds. Chief Cox presented diplomas to the graduates. After the Benediction and recessional, refreshments were served to all present.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Brian Ray Barnett, Tammy Lynn Barnett, Johnny Cloud, Sallie Cummings, Christian M. Francis, Misty Dawn Hall, Jacqueline Michelle Hill, Melinda Hill, Misty Jacquelyn Jacobs, Rodney Jones, Doris Angela Laughlin, Donnie Hugh Layman, Jr., Mose R. Lewis, William Dean Lowe, Tonya Martin, Betty Ann McGirt, Tammy Marie Nichols, Joshua Pascale, Jackie L. Sheahart, Paula Spencer, Dawnna Jo Ella Toney.

YEAGER HEADSTART

The Yeager Headstart Center held commencement exercises for their first graduating class on Thursday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Headstart center. There were many proud parents, staff, relatives, and friends present.

After the processional, Jane McKane, Head Teacher, gave the invocation. Mrs. McKane then welcomed all present and introduced

the special guests. A program was presented by all graduates. All of the children sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "Ten Little Indians". Special performances were given by Gena Yargee "ABC Song" and Stephen Harjo "The Old Lady in the Shoe Poem".

Regina Horton, Child Psychologist with the IHS in Wewoka, spoke to the students, parents, and staff. After Chief Cox presented diplomas to the twenty-four graduates, there was a benediction and the recessional.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Mark Anderson, Derik Baker, Genevieve Baker, Palmer Barnett, Danny Beaver, Lena Culley, Monica Deer, Vanessa Deere, Jeremy Fish, Ronald Wayne Franks, Patricia Harjo, Stephen Harjo, Lisa Johnson, Christopher Lovato, Jason Lovato, Angie Proctor, Jarrod Proctor, Shane Rhea, Liberty Robinson, Justina Scott, Sheila Stephens, Noah Tiger, Bernadette Whitetree, Gene Yargee.

to delay the project for awhile.

In the meantime, I want to send you a list of how one begins to trace a family member who is or was a Five Civilized Tribesman. I sent a similar paper to the Hello Choctaw paper when it was Hello Choctaw and the response I got was overwhelming. I received mail from all over the country.

(Of course, some of the mail I got wasn't very convincing. A lot of people wrote that "grandmother was so much Indian and great grandmother was a Cherokee princess named Starr, etc etc. - I even got a letter that stated factually that great grandmother was named Minnie HaHa, and how do we trace her - that was too much and I wrote back many ha ha to you, too. I think that Creeks will have an easier time finding their family because, if you'll notice, we're not as

popular as Choctaws and Cherokees.)

Although the paper does not reflect it, I am sure there are some people writing tribal headquarters about family names or procedures for finding lost Indian relatives. I want to send you this list so you can refer to it if you want to, or if you have nothing else. You may refer mail to me personally, but I found out early in the genealogy game, that it isn't easy or quick to trace an Indian - and it requires quite a bit of luck, sometimes. And then again, there are those Minnie HaHa stories.

So here's something interesting to keep in your files to use when occasion requires, if it ever does, and remember I'm reading your paper here in Dimmitt, TX with a critical eye.

Yours Truly,
Brick Autry

(Tracing your family tree will be printed next month.)



Anita McLemore presents a check to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

in honor of her schoolmate David Yahola, who died from Leukemia.

Indian Youth Honors Deceased Schoolmate

A memorial gift of \$218.00 in honor of the late David Yahola was sent to St. Jude Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, this past May. The gift represented funds raised by the sale of a book of poems illustrating a number of David's drawings.

David, a Creek Indian, was the son of Houston and Christine Yahola of Holdenville. The sketches were done when David was a sophomore at Sequoyah High

School. He died July 29, 1978.

That fall, a senior at Sequoyah, Anita McLemore, wrote poems illustrating David's drawings. A booklet "Elegy" was put together and copies sold to raise money to help fight Leukemia.

The Sequoyah High School Student Council and the Northeastern State University Native American Student Association helped sell the booklets as part of the David Yahola Memorial Fund Drive.



Headstarters exhibit their talents and skills during their commencement exercises. This is the first class to attend the Creek Nation Headstart program.

'79 Creek Nation Tennis Tourney

ADVANCED MENS SINGLES

1st-Ron Qualls-Tahlequah
2nd-Bruce Harjo-Henryetta
3rd-Lucien Berryhill-Henryetta

ADVANCED MENS DOUBLES

1st-Noah Allen Phoenix, Az. - Larry Butler Lawrence, KS.
2nd-David King Okemah - Lucien Berryhill Henryetta
3rd-Bruce Harjo Henryetta - Larry Berryhill Henryetta

ADVANCED WOMENS SINGLES

1st-Dawn Allen-Phoenix, Az.
2nd-Holly Butler-Lawrence, Ks.
3rd-Cassie Allen-Phoenix, Az.

ADVANCED WOMENS DOUBLES

1st-Dawn Allen Phoenix, Az. - Holly Butler Lawrence, Ks.
2nd-Pat Allen Phoenix, Az. - Cassie Allen Phoenix, Az.
3rd-Ramona Goosby Tahlequah - Tammy Goosby Tahlequah

INTERM. MENS DOUBLES

1st-Don Fixico Norman - Gerald Fixico Tulsa
2nd-Paul Harjo Henryetta - Norman Harjo Henryetta
3rd-Robert Dry Tahlequah - Richard Fields Tulsa

INTERM. WOMENS SINGLES

1st-Tammy Goosby - Tahlequah
2nd-Pat Allen - Phoenix, Az.
3rd-Vickie Harjo - Henryetta

INTERM. WOMENS DOUBLES

1st-Gretchen Morgan Warner - Vickie Harjo Henryetta
2nd-Trena Goosby Tahlequah - Tonya Goosby Tahlequah
3rd-Carol Allen Weston Lawrence, Ks. - Judy Roland Lawrence, Ks.

INTERM. MENS SINGLES

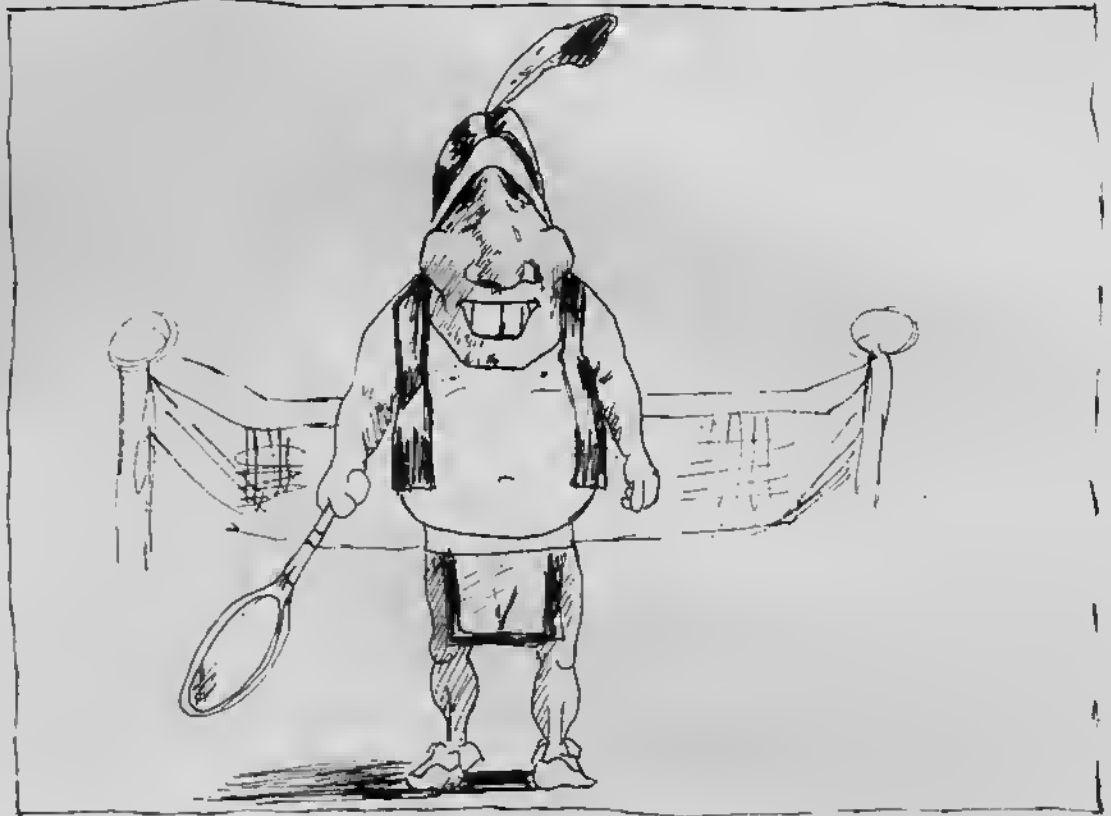
1st-Paul Harjo - Henryetta
2nd-Gerald Fixico - Tulsa
3rd-Yahola Tiger - Tahlequah

ADVANCED MENS SINGLES

Finals - Ron Qualls def. Bruce Harjo 6-1; 6-3
3rd place - Lucien Berryhill - Noah Allen (coin flip)

ADVANCED MENS DOUBLES

Finals - Noah Allen - L. Butler def. David King - Lucien Berryhill 6-3; 7-6
3rd Place - Bruce Harjo - Lucien Berryhill def. J. Hill - B. Hill 6-0; 6-2



ADVANCED WOMENS SINGLES

Finals - Dawn Allen def. Holly Butler 6-3; 6-3
3rd Place - Cassie Allen def. Ramona Goosby 6-2; 6-0

ADVANCED WOMENS DOUBLES

Finals D. Allen - H. Butler def. Pat Allen - Cassie Allen 6-4; 6-2
3rd Place - R. Goosby - Tammy Goosby def. Phyllis Warnock - Ella Hill 6-4, 4-6, 6-1

INTERM. MENS SINGLES

Finals - G. Fixico - D. Fixico def. P. Harjo - Norman Harjo 1-6, 6-1, 7-6
3rd Place - R. Dry - Richard Fields def. Y. Tiger - Nick Durant 7-5, 1-6, 6-1

RODEO QUEEN



Joyce Bowdler, a tall slender Creek girl from Henryetta, was chosen as the Rodeo Queen for the Creek Nation All Indian Rodeo held during the Creek Festival this year.

Ms. Bowdler was chosen from three contestants who were judged on their horsemanship, western appearance, and personality. Also competing in the queen contest was Marcette Gibson of Okemah and Vickie Lynn

Harjo.

Joyce is employed by the Creek Nation manpower program in Okmulgee. She was a member the Creek Nation Rodeo Association and her hobbies include; horseback riding, swimming, sewing, and attending rodeos.

Ms. Bowdler received her crown from the former Miss Creek Nation Rodeo, Tammi Harjo.

Rodeo Wedding



Rodeo Arena Wedding vows were exchanged on March 17, 1979 at Nuyaka Rodeo Arena by Miss Benna Kay Horne and James Roanhorse. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated at the double ring ceremony.

The Nuyaka Riding Club served as a mounted pivot for the entrance carrying red banners.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle Tim Barnett of Springfield, Missouri.

Following the exchange of vows the couple mounted their horses and rode around the arena twice before the bride tossed the bouquet to the crowd.

The bride is the daughter of Sam Barnett of Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Janie Horne of Muskogee. The groom James Roanhorse is the son of Annie, Yazzie of Pinespring, Az. and Benny Roanhorse also of Arizona.

The couple will make their home in Gallup, New Mexico.

3rd Annual Golf Tourney

The Creek Nation Third Annual Festival Golf Tournament was held at Fountainhead State Park golf course on June 30th and July 1st.

Golfers representing many tribes competed for plaques and cash awards, which were presented to them at the close of the tournament by Chief Claude Cox.

The Tournament was highlighted by a delicious outdoor buffet meal, which served to the golfers on Saturday evening by the Veleetka community.

Tournament winners were:
Championship Flight:

1st Place-Dan Grover
2nd Place-Robert Sanders
3rd Place-Henry Ben

A-Flight:

1st Place-Frank Wahpepah
2nd Place-Johnny Freeman
3rd Place-Vann McIntosh

B-Flight:

1st Place-Johnny Hunter
2nd Place-Lloyd Nichol
3rd Place-Jerry Denny

C-Flight:

1st Place-Vic Courtwright
2nd Place-Matt Tiger
3rd Place-Woody Kinney

D-Flight:

1st Place-Vic Courtwright
2nd Place-Naki David
3rd Place-Sonny Dunson

Ladies Flight:

1st Place-Anna Sue Nimsey
2nd Place-Lucille Courtwright
3rd Place-Ramona Daniel

Longest Drive Winners

Flight
Championship
A
B
C
D
Women

Goodlowe Procter
Marlin
Sauce July
David Mahtapene
Nakni Davis
Lynette Ott

Closest to the Hole Winners
Championship

Flight
A
B
C
D
Women

Leonard Johnson
Allan Waters
Bill White
Bobby John
Jim Roberts
Romona Daniel

Longest Distance Traveled: Gus Lente
Oldest Golfer: F.L. Wapp
Friendliest Golfer: Bob McCombs
Most Birdies: Roley McIntosh



Arts and Crafts booths surrounded the mound.



The Horseshoe contest was rained out before completion



ARCHERY

Creek Nation Wins Team Trophy

2nd Annual Creek Nation Olympics

Two hundred and seventy-five participants from seventeen Indian tribes or Indian organizations participated in the Second Annual Creek Nation Olympics during the Creek Festival.

Indian athletes from as far away as the State of Washington participated in the only known all-Indian track event of its kind.

The Creek Nation Olympic Team, composed of athletes who qualified for the team during an earlier held community olympics, won the championship team trophy.

The second place team trophy went to the Apache

Tribe and the third place trophy went to Turkey Ford of Seneca, Missouri. Coaching the first place Creek nation team were Charles Ware of Coweta and Daniel Coachman of Wetumka.

Richard Connors of Weleetka Community was the recipient of the Outstanding Athlete Award for the Olympics. Connors won three first place individual events as well as running a leg on two championship relay teams.

The Yakima Tribe, which traveled from the State of Washington received the trophy for traveling the longest distance.



Creek Nation coach, Charles Ware, (left) displays the team trophy won by the Creek Nation. The team is in the background.



SOFTBALL THROW



DISTANCE RUNNERS FROM FT. DEETANCE, ARIZ.



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...Okmulgee

The Okmulgee Indian Community was very busy during the festival events. We sat up food booths and arts and crafts booths.

We would like to thank everyone, especially the elderly for helping with ideas and work on the float. We were surprised that we won first place.

We had 11 Senior Citizens attend the elderly banquet in Henryetta. Our Senior Citizens will hold their dinner and monthly meeting July 26, at Newtown Church. At their last meeting they had 20 members present. Rosevelt Derrisaw won the door prize. Also plans were made to present the Creek Nation Princess Kathy Brown with a shawl.

We were proud to have two girls Carolyn Berryhill and Kathy Brown represent our community in the Creek Nation Princess Pageant and even prouder that one of them won the title.

Last month we raffled off a wallet and ring, that were donated by Easter Fixico Jr. they were won by Ella Hawkins of Twin Hills community.

Our classes this quarter will be macrame. They will begin July 10th at 1:30 in the afternoon at the center. For more information you can call the center 756-2597.

This past month we also helped Joyce Bowdler with a bake sale, joyce was a candidate for Creek Nation Rodeo Queen, '79. We would like to congratulate her on winning the title this year.

Diane Berryhill and Jaunita Checotah, made trips to Gilcrease Museum. Stephen Kahbeah and Lannelle Roberts attended the trip to the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

A canning demonstration was held July 2, at the center we canned dill pickles.

Our community is greatly saddened by the passing of Agnes Walls, she was a very active member of our community and of Newton Church. Our sincere sympathy and best wishes are with her family.

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...Twin Hills

The Twin Hills community would like to thank everyone who worked on our float entry for the Creek Nation Festival. We won third place in the parade. We also took our float to the Bixby Green Corn Festival parade, and the Dustin Parade and won first place at both parades. We have been invited to enter our float in parades at Henryetta and Wetumka.

We are happy to hear that Evelyn Tecumseh is back at home after a stay in the hospital. We hope she fully recovers and is able to get out and around soon.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with the family of Benjamin Wilson, who past away this past month.

...Morris

The Morris Indian Community held two bingos one in May and the other in June to raise money to buy t-shirts for the Olympic team, and to treat them to an outing.

The MIC has one girl graduate from Morris High School she is Karen Beaver. She is now attending Bacone College. Congratulations on your achievements, Karen!

The Morris Community had 34 kids to sign up for the community Olympics with 24 of them qualifying for the National Olympics. Their coaches were David Proctor, Albert Arsee, Debi Riley, and Doris Roanhorse. The Kids that qualified were: Patsy Messer, Julie Rash, Gino Roanhorse, Loretta Artussee, Roger Johnson, Debbie Lori and Mike Harjo, Oscar Fox, Sheri Wahnee, Merna and Sue Roberts, Lisa Tiger, Wallace Barnes Jr. David Cox, Jesse Brown, Robert Washington Jr. Diane Lowe, Tucson Brown, Rodney Howe, JaAnna Jones, Carly Holata, Millicent Nevaquaya and Albert Arsee. Congratulations Olympic kids and good luck at Anadarko and at the National Olympics!!

Morris Indian Community has a new coordinator and two new aides, they are Bessie Nevaquaya-coordinator, Mahaley Jones and T.J. Wolf-aides.



Dustin Community

The Dustin Community held a food sale at the complex this past May and a Mexican dinner food sale at the community center.

We just completed building

a 24 ft. by 7 ft. porch for Willis Smith. He would like to thank Creek Nation and the community workers for a swell job. He is very proud of his new porch.



Nuyaka community workers
Stella Roberts coordinator,

Lou Factor, John Featherston,
Thomas Taryole, and Sarah
Jane Hicks.

COMM UNITY NEWS

Creek Nation Princess '79

Okmulgee Representative Wins Crown

The Creek Nation Princess Pageant was held June 19th in the new Mound which was filled to its capacity.

Eight girls from the Okmulgee, Dewar, Checotah, Yeager, Glenpool, Duck Creek and Weleetka communities competed for the '79 title.

The judges for this years pageant were Dr. Ruth Arrington of Tahlequah, Miss Indian America Susan Arkeketa, Ruth Blalock Jones, and Jack Rumsey, BIA superintendant at Wewoka. The judging was divided into three categories talent, personality, and traditional dress.

Miss Kathy Brown from the Okmulgee Indian community was chosen Creek Nation Princess '79. Kathy's talent act was a jazz tap dance routine. Her first runner-up was Linda Youmans from Yeager community. Linda performed a singing solo. The second runner-up was Benita Tiger of Checotah community, Benita dressed in buckskin danced to a slow war dance song.

Kathy has begun her reign by attending all the festival events and will continue to represent the Creek Nation by attending various events during the coming year.

The evening was emceed by Steve Wilson and Chief Cox had the honor of crowning the new Creek Nation Princess '79.



LINDA YOUMANS
1st Runner Up
Yeager Community



KATHY BROWN
Creek Nation Princess
Okmulgee Community



BENITA TIGER
2nd Runner Up
Checotah Community

Parade '79



GRAND PRIZE
Okmulgee Community



2nd Place
Yeager Headstart



3rd Place
Twin Hills

96 Years Since Last Indian Graduate

Dr. William H. Coleman a Creek Indian from Weleetka (son of Mrs. Arline Ditzler, Weleetka) and administrator of Carter Seminary Indian School Ardmore, Ok. received his Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California Los Angeles, Ca. Thursday June 7. Bill is the first Indian in their 96 year of commencements to receive a Doctorate.

A surprise reception was held in Ardmore Tuesday evening at which William received a certificate of Appreciation plaque presented for "Outstanding and Dedicated Service by the All Indian Fair of 1979". The presentation was made by Mrs. Raymond (Ramona) Pope and Mrs. Mildred Franks of the All Indian Fair Organization of Ardmore.

Will was a 1946 graduate of Haskell Institute. He was president of several organizations and on the honor society. Receiving the Duntorth Award as an outstanding graduate.

He participated in football,

basketball, and track and upon graduation joined the Air Force serving most of his 3 years in Anchorage, Alaska. While there becoming Captain of the All-Alaskan Football team.

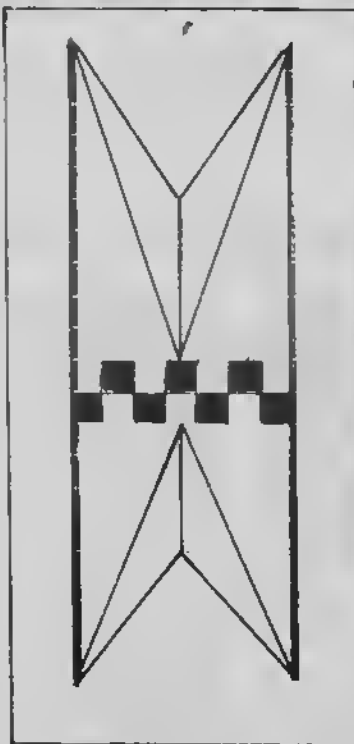
Will received his Associate Arts degree from Bacone College-Muskogee, Ok. His Bachelors of Arts from Northeastern State University-Tahlequah, Ok. and his Masters from Kansas University Lawrence, Ks. After teaching in the Kansas City, Missouri and Oklahoma City Schools Will coached and taught in the Newhall, California school district '62 - '72 returning to Haskell becoming Supervising counseling Psychologist. He was mentioned in the Fall 1975 edition of "Who's-Who in Kansas".

Will has done a lot of traveling trying to encourage young people to stay in school or to return. His advice to students today is "Set goals for yourselves and maintain a high grade point average."

In California, at Haskell and even at Ardmore, Will is known for his sour bread, sofkey, grape dumplings, and sopka-nipke. He is on the Oklahoma Board of the Haskell Alumni Association that meets in Tulsa, Ok.

Will is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Ardmore.

Will's wife Anna is also a teacher and daughter Mrs. Lynn Neel lives in Tulsa, daughter Christy Lea is a senior next year in the Ardmore High School and was a State finalist in the Miss United teenager Pageant held at the Skirvin Hotel Oklahoma City, June 30.



John W. Cheek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Cheek of Frederick Oklahoma has completed requirements for a Masters' of Education degree with an area of concentration in Art. John graduated in December of 1978 with M. Ed. degree and in May 1976 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Commercial Art. Both degrees being received at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

John Cheek has been living in Weatherford for the past seven years and is presently employed as an Adult Education Coordinator for the Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma where his office is located at the Southwest Indian Cultural Center in Weatherford.

John is also an accomplished artist who has won awards at several shows in the state and hopes to someday work for the Creek Nation.

Former POW Honored



Phillip Coon, a Creek from Oklahoma. His wife, Helen Tulsa, receives the highest looks on as he receives his honor given to war veterans in award.

Phillip W. Coon, who will receive a Cross of Valor from the State of Oklahoma for his World War II services, the highest award given to War Veterans that reside in Oklahoma, remembers his capture well.

"The Japanese Forces broke through our front line at Mount Sumat April 9, 1942. I remember this event very well because it was on Easter Sunday, I am one of the few survivors of the infamous Death March on Bataan of the Pacific War in the Far East."

Coon is a full blood Creek, son of Taylor Coon, and was with the 31st Infantry Regiment "H" Co. He was a 30

caliber machine gunner and was taken captive on Bataan of the Philippine Islands on April 11, 1942.

He now lives in Tulsa and is employed by Fifth and Boston Corporation as painting foreman. He is a member of the Local Union 1895 Painters and Decorators of America.

Coon is a member of the Muskogee XPW chapter and also the national organization. He attended a national meeting this year at Carson City, Nevada April 7 and also one in Miami, Florida. He is secretary-treasurer of the 31st Infantry Association and will be attending a meeting of the 31st at Fort Ord, California August 9 and 10.

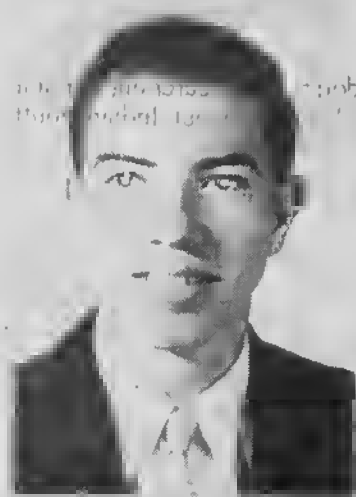
Indian Coach Receives Honors

Creek Nation has in its midst a young man of whom they can be proud. He is Larry Joe Cahwee. For the past two years he has been basketball coach at Coyle, Ok. and for both years he has been named Area Boys Coach of the year. Both years he led his boys to the State Class B. Championship finishing this past season with an outstanding 31-1 record.

Cahwee lettered in baseball

and basketball while attending Kellyville High School and played American Legion Baseball for Sapulpa and Broken Arrow. After his graduation from Kellyville in 1970, he attended Bacone Jr. College 71-72 lettering in baseball. In 1973-74 he lettered in baseball while attending NEOSU at Tahlequah.

Larry is the son of Bessie Cahwee and the grandson of Salo Felix of Kellyville.



SAMUEL MILLER

Miller Receives Master Of Science

Samuel Doyle Miller, son of Mrs. Ocie Miller and the late Samuel Miller, received a Masters of Science Degree in Industrial Technology from Eastern Michigan University, in April 1979.

Doyle is employed by the

Ford Motor Company of Detroit, as a design engineer. He has been working for the Ford Company for the past seven years.

Doyle and his wife Judy have a daughter Joanna, and two sons Steve and Gregory.

National Indian News

Indians Get Own Judicial System

Regulations to establish two Courts of Indian Offenses, one to serve the Eastern Cherokee Reservation in North Carolina and the other for western Oklahoma Indian tribes served by the Anadarko Area Office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, are being published in the (Federal Register), Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced.

Recent Federal court decisions have had the effect of withdrawing State law enforcement and judicial services in these areas, leaving the tribes without any existing

machinery for law enforcement. The new regulations will temporarily resolve this problem until the tribes have completed the establishment of their own tribal court systems.

The regulations are to be effective upon publication in the (Federal Register).

Further information is available from Patrick A. Hayes, Judicial Services Officer, Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240 (202 343-7885).

5 Civilized Tribes Museum

Masters Show; Sept. 23- Oct. 11

MUSKOGEE, OK. (SPECIAL)

Mrs. Spencer Denton, Director of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, and Mrs. John Griffin, chairman of the Art Committee for the museum, have announced dates for the museum's annual Masters Art Show and the annual Competitive Show.

The Masters Show will be held from September 23, 1979 through October 11, 1979. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, September 12, 1979.

The eight Master artists of the Five Civilized Tribes Museum are: Fred Beaver, fullblood Creek, of Eufaula; Enoch L. Haney, a fullblood Seminole-Creek, of Shawnee; Valjean McCarty Hessing, Choctaw, of St. Charles, Illinois; Joan Hill, Cherokee-Creek, of Muskogee; Saint Clare Homer, II, Choctaw, of Tulsa; Solomon McCombs, Creek, of Tulsa; Bert Seabourn, Cherokee, of Oklahoma City, and Willard Stone, Cherokee, of Locust Grove.

A minimum of three and a maximum of six entries are required for the show. All paintings must be framed and not exceed 75 inches in height or width, including the frame. All entries must be of a Five Tribes subject, and in the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, accepted traditional Indian art style.

The Competitive Show is open to anyone who is a member by blood of the Five Civilized Tribes. All entries must be authentic Five Civilized Tribes Material. If a legend is included with the painting, it should be put on a card and attached to the back of the picture, which must be matted. All entries must be for sale. No frames.

All media will be accepted for the show including oil, water color and tempera for paintings, and wood for carving and clay and bronze for sculpture.

Prices of entries are to be set by the artist.

New Warriors Fight On

The Nation's largest circulation publication, the Sunday newspaper supplement (Parade Magazine), ran a feature June 17, on Indian successes in the courtroom.

The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) was hero-in-chief, with the BIA wearing a white hat.

The following is excerpted:

"...Today's new Indian warriors are law school graduates...10 years ago, there were only about 40 Indian lawyers. Today...some 300 are helping their tribes to invoke ancient laws and treaties long

ignored...On the West Coast, tribes are suing for the return of vast areas of land...In the West...expanded water

rights....Elsewhere, energy-wealthy tribes are seeking to renegotiate old mineral and mining leases...The economic stakes are incalculable--

billions of dollars worth of land, property, rights and resources. Not surprisingly, non-Indians affected by the tribes new assertiveness are organizing to fight back...."

Indians Starting To Crack

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT for May 28 says that Indian tribal enterprises are "now starting to crack the walls of poverty that long have encircled America's Indians."

The four-page story, headlined "Business Breakout for America's Indians," states that "commercial ventures into such fields as timber, oil, coal, vacation resorts, factories and farming" have helped raise the median household income of Indians above that of blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexican Americans.

The article cites "enormous strides" in education, with some 40,000 Indians now in college, as a factor in the economic development. Programs on the Warm Springs Reservation, the Minnesota Chippewa, and the Ak-Chin Reservation are used as examples.

According to the article, "most Indians describe their recent economic advances as the most encouraging resurgence since white settlers took their ancestral lands."

Now that Indians are no longer the nation's most impoverished minority, many are predicting even greater strides in the future.

Youth Learn Tribal Government

For the first time in Oklahoma history a conference was held to introduce high school students to the problems, opportunities, issues and mechanisms of a tribal government.

Described by many students as a great asset to their education and view of tribal government, the Oklahoma Indian Youth Senate (OIYS) was declared a success by its participants.

The Oklahoma Indian Youth Senate (OIYS) was held June 3-8 at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, OK. The theme for the conference was "Youth for Tribal Government".

Committees were formed concerning community services, human resources and tribal affairs. Each committee was asked to prioritize their needs and find solutions to the problems presented.

Other workshop sessions included women in tribal government, tribal government leadership and developing individual responsibility.

Arkeketa said the students wrote their own constitution setting themselves up as an organization with a governing doctrine. She said the students put a lot of time and effort into the conference and from the evaluations received the students got a lot of information and ideas out of the week.

Arkeketa concluded by saying the students involved more or less gave a directive to start planning for next year and they would add in the growth of the program by telling people what the conference had done to increase their knowledge of

tribal governments and Indian affairs.

The conference was sponsored by the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission.

Susan Arkeketa, OIYS coordinator, said about 37 students participated representing around 21 different tribes and schools.

She said the program had been in the planning and implementation stage for about 7 months. Letters and correspondence were sent to tribes and tribal leaders since last December.

In describing her feelings toward the idea and conference Arkeketa said, "I felt that for Indian self-determination to take place we as older brothers and sisters, etc...had to start preparing for the future. Our future lies in our youth, if we don't start searching for and developing out Indian youth and talent we are not going to have much of a future."

Surprisingly, she said, I thought education and youth development were number one items everywhere but the more contact I had with tribes I found this wasn't the case. Of course, there are a few exceptions.

In one week participants heard workshops concerning different aspects of education health, law, economic and resource development.

The students listened to and discussed issues pertaining to sovereignty, the federal-Indian trust relationship and white backlash.

The students held their own council elections going through the mechanisms of filing for offices, campaign speeches and platforms and voting at a specified time and place.



Career Opportunities Health Scholarships

Two health professions scholarship programs operated by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare's Indian Health Service (IHS) under authority of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (P.L. 94-437) and the Public Health Service Act are now available in the SECOND '79 CYCLE to applicants.

The (Health Professions Preparatory Scholarship Program for Indians) (Section 103) provides scholarship support to Indian people for up to two academic years of compensatory preprofessional education to enable a student to be eligible to enroll or re-enroll in a school of health professions.

The (Health Professions Scholarship Program) (Section

104) provides scholarship support for students enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in health professions school.

Scholarships to be awarded in this SECOND '79 CYCLE are for those students enrolled, or accepted for enrollment, in appropriate health professions programs for the 1979 Fall Term - the term beginning in September 1979.

If you have questions about these scholarship programs, if you want a Scholarship Application Kit, contact:

Jim Ingram
Scholarship Coordinator
Oklahoma City Area IHS
388 Old P.O. & Court House Bldg.
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102
Telephone: (405) 231-4448

Creek Nation

HOME & FAMILY AIDE

SALARY RANGE: \$9908-

Organization: Division of Community Services

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Complex

JOB DUTIES: Assist individuals in health areas and work with them in obtaining food stamps assistance, social security benefits, etc.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma or GED. Understanding and speaking of Creek language, ability to work with older people.

Send Applications to : Creek Nation, Personnel Services, P.O. Box 114, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447 Telephone: (918) 756-8700

To be considered, all applications must be postmarked or brought to Personnel Services by the closing date.

TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POST-MARKED OR BROUGHT TO PERSONNEL SERVICES BY THE CLOSING DATE

CLOSING DATE: August 1, 1979



The happiest golfer doesn't always win.

Creek Nation Medical Positions

The Creek Nation Community Hospital has the following positions open at the hospital site in Okemah.

-Secretary for the hospital Administrator

-Supervisor-R.N. working in the Surgical Services Department. Four R.N. positions

Eight L.P.N. positions.

Medical Technician.

These positions are vacant effective immediately. Applications and requests for transfer may be forwarded to:

Personnel Office
Creek Nation
P.O. Box 1114
Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447

Osage Tribe Accountant

The Osage Federal Programs is now accepting applications for an Accountant.

Requires a B.S. Degree in accounting or a B.S. Degree in business administration with a minor in Accounting or six (6) years experience in a supervisory capacity involved in Federal Programs Accounting.

Indian preference. Send resume to: Osage Federal Programs, Personnel Department, P.O. Box 147, Pawhuska, OK 74056.

CETA Director

Osage Federal Programs is accepting applications for the CETA Director.

Involves supervision of personnel and conducting accomplishments of the Comprehensive Employment Training Act Program.

Requires a Masters in Business or Public Administration or a Bachelors and three years experience in the field of public administration.

Indian preference. Salary negotiable.

Send resume to: Osage Federal Programs, Personnel Department, Box 14 Pawhuska, OK 74056

Creek Nation

Director Of Finance

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE
SALARY RANGE: Negotiable
ORGANIZATION: Office of the Treasury

GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION: Okmulgee Tribal Complex

JOB DUTIES: Management responsibility for tribal system development and operations in the areas of cash management, tax management, investments, payroll services, and other treasury functions.

JOB QUALIFICATIONS: C.P.A. plus a minimum of three years experience in

auditing, tax accounting, finance or related fields. Graduate degree desirable.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
CREEK NATION
PERSONNEL SERVICES
P.O. BOX 1114
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA 74447

TELEPHONE: (918) 756-8700
TO BE CONSIDERED, ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR BROUGHT TO PERSONNEL SERVICES BY THE CLOSING DATE.

CLOSING DATE: August 1, 1979

Creek Nation

Supervisor Of Primary Healthcare

DESCRIPTION: Direct Supervision of 14 primary health care providers which consists of clinical services, emergency transportation, maternal and child health, and Otitis Media.

SALARY: 12580 - 14,500

QUALIFICATIONS: College Degree or equivalent experience.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO: CREEK NATION
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Chief's Term Extended

An approval to extend the term of Principal Creek Chief Claude Cox until after the Creek Constitutional Election was received in order to eliminate the need for two Chief Elections.

After a federal court ruling ordering a constitutional election to be held by October 6, Attorney for the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs,

and the Creek National Council approved to extend the Chief's term and hold a Chief election within 60 days after the ratification election.

If the original plan to hold a Chief election in September had been followed after the court ruling it would have meant that there would need to be a second Chief election along with the election of Vice-Chief and Represen-

tatives to the National Council, after the Constitutional election if it were ratified.

Plans are now being proposed to hold the primary Chief election around the middle of November and a runoff election if needed, around the first of December.

Eligible voters wishing to vote in the October 6 Creek Constitutional election may register until September, 7.



The Creek Nation Agribusiness will be starting its third month of Dairy production during September at the newly completed Agribusiness complex in Dustin. The new complex also has facilities for a swine, cattle and sheep feedlot which will begin operations in the near future. (Related story on page 4)



CHIEF CLAUDE COX WELCOMES DR. BOWEN

New Physician Joins Hospital

Chief Claude Cox of the Creek Nation has announced the addition of a new medical staff member at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

Dr. Don Bowen, a Creek Indian from Dustin, has returned to the Creek Nation to practice medicine. Dr. Bowen says he is proud to be able to return to his tribe and is looking forward to providing medical services to the people of the Creek Nation.

Dr. Bowen was born in Heniyetta and graduated from Seminole High School in 1962. He attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated with a B.S. Degree in pharmacy in 1971. Dr.

Bowen then attended and graduated from Harvard Medical School in Boston, Mass. in March, 1976.

Following graduation from Harvard, Dr. Bowen entered a three year family practice residency in Glen Cove, New York. He plans to move his wife, Michael Ann, and his three children, Emily, Jenny, and Anna, to Okemah in the near future.

Chief Cox stated "Dr. Bowen being able to return to his tribe and work in his chosen profession is an excellent example of the progress made in recent years by the Creek Nation in providing a comprehensive health system for the people".

Creek Constitution Ratification Election Set For October 6 Registration Closes

CREEK FORUM

Sen. Bellmon Addresses Creek Employees

BY GEORGE SCOTT

Senator Henry Bellmon, R-Okla., addressed the Creek Nation on Friday, August 10 in the Creek Nation "Mound" Building.

Introducing himself as one who would rather answer questions "than make a long senatorial speech," the senator recognized the progress the Creek Nation had made in recent years.

He also emphasized the efforts of the Creek Nation at the local level concerning housing, job training, and the various programs associated with the Creek Nation.

"You know we get a lot of criticism sometimes when we set up programs that aren't properly administered at the local level, but I can say with absolute certainty that there's never been a bit of criticism toward the way the Creek Nation has operated the many programs you have, and I'm very proud to have been associated with them in many many ways.

During his short speech, the Senator touched on many subjects of concern in our society. Among them were the energy crisis, inflation and the so-called Salt Treaties.

Finding solutions for these problems aren't easy he said, "but the two most perplexing problems as far as I'm concerned are how to deal with inflation and the energy crisis." With inflation at about 13 percent this year, Bellmon stated that rising inflation was working a tremendous hardship on low-income people and those people on fixed income.

The other problem he said, "was trying to figure out how to produce more energy from the enormous energy supply we still have left in this country." He continued that there were several bills in

Congress affecting the energy situation, that would pass before the session ends. Alluding to the Iranian Crisis and OPEC Nations, Belmon said, "Should the oil producing countries from which America imports its oil experience domestic problems, then America could find itself confronted with serious economic problems." He added that it would take at least 10-20 years for America to develop its own natural resources.

Senator Bellmon then answered questions from the audience. When asked about running for an extra term in office, Bellmon replied "In all honesty it's about as tough a decision as I've had to make. My wife and I did think about it a long time before we made the decision and I guess it would be honest to say I haven't given it any reconsideration, but also it would be honest to say I've changed my mind because I have." Citing his 26 years as public servant, he said he felt that a person should enjoy a few years to do things outside the government.

Bellmon also answered questions ranging from Indian legislation to nuclear power. He pointed out that he was appalled, when he arrived in Washington, at the amount of treaties that had not been kept. However, with the aid of Chief Cox he said they were able to live up to some of those agreements as "best we can." He continued that the Creek Nation through its progress is now an inspiration and role model to various other tribes.

When asked about the safety of nuclear power, he stated that nuclear power has the best safety record of any form of energy.

Tribal Constitution Regulations and Procedures Published

Proposed regulations establishing procedures for Indian tribes seeking to form tribal constitutions or charters or make changes in existing ones are being published in the Federal Register, the Bureau of Indian Affairs announced today.

The purpose of the new regulations is to provide uniformity and order in holding elections, authorized by the Secretary of the Interior, to vote on con-

stitutions and bylaws or charters. The proposed regulations will make this single set of regulations applicable to tribes, including those in Oklahoma and Alaska, now governed by three different sets of regulations, published and unpublished.

A significant change, introduced by the proposed regulations, is that petitioning by tribal members will no longer be recognized as a way

to initiate a tribal reorganization. The process, under the proposed regulations, can only be initiated by a valid request from a tribe's governing body or a representative committee. The purpose of this change is to require tribal members to work through their government rather than around it. The petitioning process remains valid where tribal constitutions recognize it and where the Indian Reorganization Act provides for it as the means whereby the Secretary of the Interior may be requested to issue a charter of incorporation.

Related proposed regulations, being published at the same time in the Federal Register, established procedures for the formulation and submission of petitions in situations where this process is valid according to the tribal constitution or certain Federal statutes.

Comments on the proposed regulations should be sent within 30 days to the Office of Indian Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240. For additional information contact Robert Farring at the above address (202-343-2511).

Treaty Tampering Viewed as Deplorable

The July 11 Seattle Times said in an editorial that the Supreme Court's affirmation of the Boldt decision has brought about "the re-emergence of senseless—even deplorable--talk about abrogating the treaties."

Noting that the only "moral way to alter the treaties would be through mutual consent," the paper pointed to signs that the issue would be politicized, particularly in next year's United States Senate race in which the State Attorney General Slade

Gorton is expected to campaign for Senator Warren G. Magnuson's seat.

The editorial indicates that Gorton might do better with the fishing issue in the ballot box than he did in the court room. It concludes, however, "attempts to tamper with the treaties themselves as an exercise in politics should be viewed with trepidation.

A nation that does not honor treaties within its own shores cannot command credibility for its treaty agreements abroad."

Self-Claimed Creek Loses Court Battle

(Reprinted from an article in the Atlanta Constitution - Dec. 20, 1978)

In a decision that evidently deals a severe blow to the claims of a gospel singer that he is a legitimate heir to a tract of land in west Georgia, a Superior Court judge has ruled that Neal McCormick, a self-styled Creek Indian leader, is not entitled to lands once owned by William McIntosh, the 19th-century Creek Chieftan.

Superior Court Judge Charles Jackson ruled in Carrollton last week that McCormick, who for several years has claimed he is the great-great-grandson of McIntosh, cannot prove he is of Creek blood and is a direct descendant of Chief McIntosh."

McCormick's attorney, James Venable of Decatur, said Tuesday he would appeal the case "as far as the U.S. Supreme Court."

McCormick and his family, describing themselves as Lower Creek Indians, had been living periodically since last October on a 600-acre tract along the Chattahoochee River near Carrollton known as the "McIntosh Reserve."

In a brief filed with the court, attorneys representing Carroll County argued against giving the land to McCormick, saying that McCormick's wife Peggy, a vociferous spokeswoman for the group, had admitted in testimony that the so-called Lower Creeks have no federally recognized status.

In addition, the lawyers argued, Chief Claude A. Cox of the recognized Creek tribe, based in Oklahoma, wrote the court that the McCormicks are not considered legitimate Creek Indians by the tribe and that neither they nor their ancestors are enrolled in the official 1907 Dawes Roll of Creek Indians.

The Carroll County attorneys also argued that in a number of 19th Century treaties with the United States, the Creeks gave up all rights to their once substantial holdings east of the Mississippi River.

The offspring of a Scottish settler and an Indian mother, Chief William McIntosh attempted in 1827 to arrange

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Forebearers

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original documents. They relate to all OKLAHOMA tribes but have the most on the 5 Civilized Tribes. However, they do not do research for patrons.

4. BE WARNED: Most county court houses began after Indian Territory days and they have nothing in the way of records relating to the Indian Nations. One exception is the courthouse at Tishomingo and even they have very little. Your best bet, again, is the OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY. After 1907 records in courthouses are fairly comprehensive. Should one wish, he can try to find names in all sort of records - like death certificates, marriage records, probates, court dockets, and so forth. Try anything you can get a hold of.

Some names can be found in the Department of Vital Statistics. But only recent ones or if there has been applications for delayed certificates, and such.

6. TRACE PERSON TO PERSON - TAKING ONE SIDE OF THE FAMILY AT A TIME. Standard genealogy text will show one how to chart a family tree. After so much information has been found - say, through a generation, it will be time for joining a genealogy club - the list of genealogy materials grows with every year and a complete bibliography would be cumbersome indeed. Some of the material would be of little use also. The help of knowledgeable and experienced librarians and other genealogists will save one years and years of time. There are many local publications which might be overlooked without the help of others. Remember, ONE PERSON JUST CAN'T GO THROUGH IT ALL.

7. Starting points: A. The Dawes Roll and those very important application numbers. B. Church records - (sorry no addresses for this) C. Any removal roll which can be found - NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS, GENERAL SERVICES ADMIN. WASHINGTON D.C. 20408 - may help one here. D. CHURCH OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS THE MORMONS - have huge deposits of family records. One may send in 50 cents to them and see what they might have. That is 50 cents per name. Address: Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints Genealogy depart. 50 E North Temple St. Salt Lake City, Utah 84150 E. Take note

of some of the people who are doing similar research. They may stumble across that very important bit of data that is missing in your family tree.

8. Tracing people earlier than the removal has many problems. There just does not seem to be very many records. U.S. Census often did not count Indian Nations in the East (1830 and before). The 1860 Census included the Arkansas Territory which became the Indian Nations - but information is sparse and includes only larger settlements near the Arkansas and the Texas state lines. Any material relating to pre-Civil War eras in 5 Civilized Tribes history is likely to be found in Washington on microfilm or in its original unpublished condition.

9. GENEALOGY REQUIRES PATIENCE AND WORK AND MOST OF ALL - PERSISTENCE.

10. AFTER - thought: Indian territory of 1890 - 1907 had many towns not existent today. Publication here; for help; (Okla. Historical Atlas). Knowledge of respective tribal history will aid a great deal - example: Knowing that Chickasaw - Choctaw history has more in common with each other than with Creek - Seminole will help those who are wondering about events in family history and to which tribe it might relate to. A Choctaw would not be involved in the Green Peach War, for example.

Indian Child Welfare Act

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has announced that final regulations to implement the provisions of the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (P.L. 95-608) are being published in the Federal Register.

The Act deals with the proper care of Indian children needing adoptive or foster home care. Its main objective is to restrict the placement of Indian children by non-Indian social agencies in non-Indian homes and environments.

The Act makes clear that tribal courts have jurisdiction over children who live or whose permanent home is on reservations. For other Indian children it provides for the transfer of jurisdiction from state courts to tribal courts, absent the showing of good cause why a case should not be transferred. The regulations include a separate part on tribal reassumption of jurisdiction over child custody proceedings in those instances where states have assumed jurisdiction according to federal law.

The new regulations will become effective 30 days after publication. Numerous comments and suggestions were received by the Bureau after publication this spring of proposed regulations. An explanation of changes made in the regulations because of

comments received and recommended changes not adopted is published with the new regulations.

As stated in the regulations, "The policy of the Act and of these regulations is to protect Indian children from arbitrary removal from their families and tribal affiliations by establishing procedures to insure that measures to prevent the breakup of Indian families are followed in child custody proceedings. This will insure protection of the best interests of Indian children and Indian families by providing assistance and funding to Indian tribes and Indian organizations in the operation of child and family service programs which reflect the unique values of Indian culture and promote

the stability and security of Indian families. In administering the grant authority for Indian Child and Family Programs it shall be Bureau policy to emphasize the design and funding of programs to promote the stability of Indian families.

Further information is available from Raymond V. Butler, Chief of the Division of Social Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C. Streets N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240 (703-235-2756).

For additional information about the tribal reassumption of jurisdiction contact David Etheridge, Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, 18th and C. Streets N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240 (202-343-6967).

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two groups will have a good opportunity to dialog."

Conference pre-registration will begin this month with registration closing at 1500. "Though the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Phoenix is equipped to handle large conferences such as ours, we feel the National Indian Child Conference can best do its delegates justice only if we keep the numbers from mushrooming. People must get their registrations in early this year, we will definitely close it at 1500," stressed Henry J. Keneally Jr., Coordinator of the Conference.

Save the Children's American Indian Program, again sponsoring the Second Annual National Indian Child Conference, announced that the post-conference report will be out this month with a supplement of conference recommendations to follow.

To register for the conference being held November 25-28, 1979, write the National Indian Child Conference, 2929 E. Thomas Road, Phoenix 85016 or call (602) 956-9478.

For more information contact Henry J. Keneally Jr., at the above address or phone.

Nat'l Indian Cattle Assoc. To Meet In Albuquerque

The National American Indian Cattlemen's Association will hold its 6th annual convention in Albuquerque on September 14 & 15 this year, John Fredericks, President, announced.

New Mexico Governor, Bruce King, will be the keynote speaker at the luncheon on September 15. Other speakers on the convention agenda include Jess Karlor of Karlor Packing Company, Phil Harvey, President of the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association, Barry Welsh of the Area BIA Office, Lee Tilton of NASA Earth Resources Laboratory, and Charles Colombe of the

Indian Agricultural Credit Consortium. Business activities scheduled are the election of directors, agricultural credit hedging of cattle, and other pertinent business involving Indian cattlemen.

Other activities include the Cattlemen's princess contest, banquet and Stockmen's ball. The convention will be held at the Holiday Inn. The National American Indian Cattlemen's Association is a nation-wide organization of Indian ranchers which seeks to improve the Indian livestock industry through better credit, marketing and training in agriculture and agribusiness.

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Creek Agribusiness Make Plans Reality

BY GEORGE SCOTT

Situated in the heart of Creek country, near Dustin, is a fledgling business which began operations this year. It is the Creek Nation's Agribusiness project. The farm has been in operation only since July, but Reagan Hardgrave, Project Supervisor, envisions an optimistic future for the farm.

Hardgrave talked about the present operation now in existence. He said that the dairy with approximately 114 head of Holstien cattle yield an average of about 7000 lbs of milk every two days. The milk, he added, is then shipped to API (Associated Producers Inc.) in Oklahoma City for distribution. To feed the cattle the farm grows its own hay grazer which is supplemented with the basic types of feeder you find on an average farm.

Though only a dairy exists, there are facilities for other varieties of livestock. Hardgrave said these facilities will be used to supplement swine, beef cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry.

Asked if there were long

range plans, his response was that he hoped that eventually the Creek Nation could supplement these facilities with a processing and butchering plant. He also pointed out that the farm sits on about 550 acres of land with plans being made to acquire more in the future.

In talking about the employment aspects of the business, Hardgrave stated that the farm employs about 8 people who had been previously trained in ranch and farm work. These included pasture maintenance, cattle management general field veterinary practices, irrigation system planning, and Crop planting and harvesting. The project also employs a maintenance man who specializes in the general up-keep of the farm.

Also the funds or profits derived by the Agri-business used to defray a loan that was given them through the BIA. The money is also used to provide for the general up-keep of the farm's equipment and to provide new machinery



Weatherization



Weatherization Continuing. The weatherization program is continuing its quest to make more Indian Homes energy efficient. Making these homes more energy efficient by adding insulation and storm windows and doors will make a big difference in heating and cooling bills in the future.



Principal Chief Cox poses in front of the Agribusiness water tower which supplies all the water needed for the project. Standing with the Chief are George Scott, Muscogee Nation News reporter (left), and Ed Moore, Agribusiness Specialist.



No matter how big the project, the basic thing always comes first.

Indian Nurses Assoc. Encourages Immunization

The American Indian-Alaska Native Nurses Association reminds parents that vaccination is a vital part of health care for children. Measles causes encephalitis, a brain inflammation that can lead to mental retardation. Polio causes paralysis. Mumps causes deafness. Rubella causes severe birth defects. These diseases, as well as diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus, are historic killers of Indian children.

Too many parents are delaying vaccination until their children approach school age, according to Janice Kekahbah, Executive Director of American Indian-Alaska Native Nurses Association, leaving them unprotected at a period in their lives when some of the diseases are most likely to strike and when the complications are often most severe.

"The requirement of vaccination for school attendance has apparently led people to believe that vaccination is not needed earlier," Ms. Kekahbah said, "According to Indian Health Service statistics, of the 5661 pre-school Indian children in Indian Health Service records, only 88.3 percent of these children have received their first dose of their Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus (DPT) vaccination. Also according to these same statistics, approximately 31 percent of these children have not been immunized against Measles, Rubella and Mumps."

She added that the recommended time for vaccination varies from one disease to another. "The oral polio vaccine and the combination vaccine for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus should first be given when the child is two months of age, with booster doses given during the first year and a half of life and repeated before the child begins school. Measles, mumps and rubella can be prevented with a single dose of combination vaccine given at 15 months of age."

Ms. Kekahbah explained that this schedule makes it possible for children to be protected early and urged parents not to put off vaccination. However, she said, older children who have not received all of their vaccinations should not be

overlooked. "Parents of newborn children should get them involved in an immunization program through their doctor right at the beginning. Those with older children should check their records to make sure none of the vaccinations have been missed."

In order that the general Oklahoma Indian population become more educated in procedures leading to complete immunization of Indian children, the American Indian-Alaska Native Nurses Association is sponsoring an Immunization Conference, August 2, 1979 between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. This conference will be repeated August 3, 1979 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Participating sponsors include the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Indian Health Service, Oklahoma City Nursing Branch office, and the National League of Nurses. All interested parents, Tribal leaders, Community Health Representatives and Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Counselors are urged to attend the workshop in the Commerce Building on the 4th floor, 111 N. Peters, Norman, Oklahoma.

Every Tues. & Thurs. Morning Childhood
Immunization

OKEMAH INDIAN HEALTH CLINIC

2nd Annual Nat'l Indian Child Conf. Set

"We are very excited and enthusiastic about the Second Annual National Indian Child Conference coming up in late November this year," stated Frances Cherino, Chairperson for conference program planning and a member of Isleta Pueblo in New Mexico. "We expect 1500 delegates, mostly from the grassroots level. They will be coming from all over North and South America; Alaska, Canada, the northeast U.S., Mexico and countries to the south," she went on to say.

Unique among Indian conferences, the program focus this year is on treating the whole Indian child with more youth participation from the junior high, high school, and college levels.

The Wilson Community Center held their annual election of officers on August 4, 1979. The following officers were reappointed for the next year:

Coordinator Lucille Bear
Chairman Charles Elk
Treasurer Lucille Bear

Assistant Treasurer Blanche Berryhill

Secretary Dicey Taryole

Assistant Secretary Hepsey Gilroy

Community Reporter

Hepsey Gilroy & Dicey Taryole

Finance Committee

Lucille Bear & Hepsey Gilroy

Grievance Committee

Charles Elk Tom Berryhill

Land Purchasing Committee

Rufus Berryhill Jay Buckner

Almer Berryhill

Youth Director and

Athletic Coach Terry Starr

By-Laws Committee

Rufus Berryhill

Delilah Berryhill Ben Burgess

Fund Raising Committee

Helen Butler Rufus Berryhill

The Community have been holding Creek Language classes for the past five weeks

WILSON

with John Riley as the Instructor.

Hepsey Gilroy traveled to Six Flags as a Counselor for Creek Nation students along with Mike and Jody Gilroy and Anthony Bear.

The Community has finished the grass cutting project for the season and is making plans for the wood cutting project for the long, hard winter ahead.

BIGHAM

Bigham Community held their monthly meeting on Tuesday night August 7.

They elected new officers for the coming year. Those elected were:

Chairman-Jewitt Jimboy
Vice-Chairman-Tom Yohala
Secretary-Edna Jimboy
Treasurer-Paul Jimboy

Attendance was very good for our crochet class which was started again in July. Our instructor was Lucy Walker.

Susie Scott of Bigham community went to Lawrence, Kansas to visit her daughter, Mrs. Francis Girty. She had surgery recently.

Mr. & Mrs. John Edminstien and son Damon, went on a two week vacation to Colorado and Wyoming. THEY SAID THEY ENJOYED THE TRIP VERY MUCH.

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a treaty giving away most Creek lands in Georgia. For his efforts, he was killed by Indians who considered him a traitor.

The Creek Indians were later forced to march to Oklahoma along the infamous "Trail of Tears."

For most of this decade, McCormick and a small band of followers have been fighting for official recognition for the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and a number of other federal agencies. On a number of occasions, McCormick has appeared at the General Assembly, decked out in full Indian regalia, to collect official "recognitions" of the sort handed out by the score during the legislative session. He also has proclamations of recognition signed by then Gov. Jimmy Carter and Gov. George Busbee.

Calling themselves the Lower Creek Muscogee Indians East of the Mississippi, McCormick's group attempted to obtain federal funds last year to

Oklahoma receives \$8 million

The United States Office of Education (HEW) has awarded grants totaling \$43.6 million to public school districts in 42 states "to meet the special education and culturally related academic needs of American Indian children during the 1979-80 school year.

It is estimated that the programs will benefit approximately 322,000 students or 80 percent of all Indian school children. The grants come under Part A of the Indian Education Act (P.L. 92-318).

Schools are expected to use the funds to develop curricula dealing with tribal culture, history and heritage; to make available teacher aides and home-school coordinators from Indian communities; to hire tutors for pupils needing remedial instruction; and to sponsor such special activities as field trips.

Oklahoma received the largest amount, more than \$8 million. Other states receiving more than \$2.5 million were Alaska, Arizona, California, Michigan, New Mexico and Washington.

ould a housing project and authentic Indian village on his "Tama Reservation" near Cairo, in southwestern Georgia. Those efforts failed.

On at least one occasion, the Bureau of Indian Affairs rejected McCormick's request to be given recognition as an authentic Creek Indian.

Earlier this year, a U.S. District Court in Atlanta rejected a McCormick suit in which he asked for the return of the Carroll County land, owned until recently by the Georgia Power Co., and \$6.5 million in damages.

In his suit, McCormick argued that the heirs of McIntosh lost possession of the land through "the neglect of the U.S. government who have allowed these conditions to exist over many years, and have made no effort to correct the injuries and damages done to McIntosh, his heirs, as well as the Lower Creek Indians."

The McCormicks could not be reached for comment this week. But Venable, who is closely associated with the Ku Klux Klan, said that he would appeal the decision.

Rules And Regulations

Creek Nation

Tribal Burial Fund

The following are the rules and regulations for the Creek Nation Tribal Burial Fund.

I. **APPLICABILITY** Funds which are available for this project shall be retroactive to September 1978 and will remain applicable until project funds are depleted.

II. **DEFINITIONS** Eligibility: Any persons(s) who is of Creek Indian by blood or a lineal descendant of same. As related to the 1971 Per Capita Distribution or the 1907 Dawes Roll of the Creek Nation. Proof: Proof will be considered proof when documentation station a degree of blood and tribe is provided by the applicant. Creek Nation Authorized Staff: The staff person who is assigned the duties of carrying out the provisions of these rules who is the employee of the Creek Nation. A. Division of Community Services. Social Research and Development Administration.

III. **ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES AND APPLICATION** A. Policy- The general policy with regard to eligible persons is that funeral expense assistance may be used only for services which comply with the requirements of this part.

B. Persons(s) representing: or is an immediate family member of the deceased must complete application form requesting financial assistance.

C. **Determination of Eligibility**-This subpart sets forth the eligible services that may be undertaken to assist to receive monies for the purpose of aiding and reducing the financial burden to the persons to whom the deceased is an immediate family member.

1) Person (s) who are of Creek Indian by blood a lineal descendants of same.

(a) Proof by CDIB, voter registration card, or affidavit.

2) Family household personal income that meets the income guidelines established by HEW and in use by BIA.

(a) Verification by W-2 Form, letter from employer, letter from Social Security Office or other documentation.

(b) 125 percent of BIA Social Services income guidelines.

3) Death Verification

(a) Proof of verification will be accepted when authorized Creek Nation staff confirms in writing or verbally which-or by funeral home or public obituary that the person (s) is deceased.

D. In the event an applicant is not eligible as outlined below, they will be notified by mail and the reason (s) for a non-eligible determination will be given.

(a) Criteria for non-eligibility

(1) Applicant's income is above income guidelines established by HEW and in use by BIA.

(2) Verification of death cannot be established.

(3) Lack of funds

This program will remain in effect as long as funds are available.

E. Creek Nation authorized staff will begin process for payment in an amount which may not exceed \$131 per death.

IV. **EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS** A. The funds available for this project shall be used solely for the purpose of defraying funeral expense as outlined above.

B. Applicants will be served on a first come, first served basis for the duration of available funds.

V. **APPROVAL** Final approval-disapproval will be the responsibility of the Executive Direction.

(a) Approved applications will be forwarded to fiscal management for processing of payment.

(b) Payments shall be in letter of credit form.

(c) No payments will be paid directly to the applicant.

(d) Payments will be paid directly to the vendor (s) who appear on the application and are shown on itemized statements attached.

VI. **AVAILABILITY OF RULES AND REGULATIONS** These Rules and Regulations shall be published in the next monthly edition of the Muscogee Nation News, and shall thereafter be available, in the Office of the Director of Community Services, at the request of any Creek citizen, organized Community, tribal town, ceremonial ground, or church.

Effective Date: SEPTEMBER 1978

Indian Council on Aging
Holds Conference

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging conducted its first statewide Indian conference on August 23-24, 1979, at the Southgate Inn, in Oklahoma City.

The conference participants were primarily health related tribal employees whose services delivery system affect the elderly Indian.

Kenneth Tiger, chairman of the Oklahoma Indian council on Aging conducted the

proceedings of the conference. Ken, Creek Nation representative to the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging was elected chairman last year.

The Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging has been organized for one and one-half years and has been meeting at the requests and invitations of various tribes and Indian organizations across the state while promoting and advocating for the elderly Indian.

Gary Davis, the IHS Oklahoma City Area office was very instrumental in getting this conference initiated. A statewide conference dealing with elderly Indian issues was one of the initial goals that was set by the members of the OICOA. The OICOA has maintained that the need of the elderly Indian has become an important issue to be addressed by tribal and Indian organizations. Two persons from each tribe in Oklahoma was invited to participate in the conference.

CN Headstart
to Begin
Enrollment

The Creek Nation Headstart program has the following dates set for enrollment. Yeager enrollment will be held at the Yeager Headstart Center beginning August 27 through August 31 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eufaula enrollment will be held at the Eufaula Headstart Center beginning August 27 through August 31 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Checotah parents may enroll their children Wednesday, August 29 at 608 West Gentry, Checotah, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Parents are urged to bring the following documents: birth certificates, official immunization records, verification of annual income such as 1978 W-2 form, social security award letter, unemployment compensation, pay check stubs, or verification by employer (letter), and certificate of degree of Indian blood for either parent or child.

The Headstart Centers at Eufaula and Yeager will open September 11, 1979. Class hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Breakfast, mid-morning supplement, lunch, and mid-afternoon supplement will be served. Transportation will be provided.

For further information contact the local Headstart Centers-Eufaula, 689-5613 and Yeager 379-6693.

Tracing Your
Indian
Forebearers

By Brick Autry

1. DO not be in a hurry. genealogy is often a time consuming past time. Trying to find material relating to Indians compounds the problem because there is very little in print about the subject; when it is found, is only local.

2. USE YOUR FAMILY RECOLLECTION. A great deal can be found through family and close friends. Names and dates and places should be considered with a great deal of respect-especially if they reoccur from time to time and from person to person. Use these facts or approximations as your starting place.

3. The best and the most convenient place to start your real work is in Oklahoma City at the Capitol grounds in the OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL Society. They have material on microfilm, plus many

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Okmulgee Housing Addition

Indian Housing
Nearing Completion

Ron Eroman executive director for the Creek Nation Housing Authority says that work is continuing on 55 new homes in the Okmulgee area.

The 55 housing addition which is part of a housing project that extends from Wetumka to Glenpool and includes other areas as Holdenville, Dustin, Coweta, Mounds, and Okay, Oklahoma, were constructed for the purpose of providing homes for no-land applicants. In other words Indian people who had no available land in which to have one built.

Currently the Okmulgee

housing project is outside the city limits, but when completed will be annexed within the city limits. The city then will provide such basic services as water and gas, according to Froman.

In order to approve an applicant for this type of home, needs are determined while at the same time assessing those who will take the best care of the home.

Right now there are 330 units under contract which includes additional units for the future. However Froman states that probably no extra housing will be constructed in the Okmulgee area.

Tribal Management Program

Beginning this fall, the nation's only university graduate program dealing solely in training professional tribal managers and administrators will offer its unique curriculum at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla.

Due to the widespread interest in the Master's of Business Administration in Tribal Management Program by practicing tribal administrators, arrangements have been made so that those persons wishing to enroll in certain courses but not wishing to pursue the degree may be admitted to classes on an "audit" basis.

The "audit" means that a person wishing to take courses may do so without complying with entrance requirements or prerequisites. Those auditing a course must pay fees and tuition but will not be given college credit toward the M.B.A. degree. A Certification of Completion will be issued instead upon completion of a course.

The auditing policy provides an opportunity to study the practical aspects of tribal management without concern for exams, grades,

entrance requirements, prerequisites, etc. Regular graduate entrance requirements should be followed for those people interested in pursuing a master's degree in tribal management.

As the program was created to fill the demand for professional Indian managers and administrators who are familiar with the unique circumstances under which tribal governments and organizations operate, qualified professional instructors have been selected to teach the five initial courses which will be offered this fall semester, which begins on August 27.

Courses offered this fall are Effective Communications for Tribal Managers, to be taught by Dr. Tom Cottrill at 6:30 p.m., on Mondays; Indian Law, to be taught by Ralph Keen, J.D. at 8:00 a.m., and 11 a.m., on Saturdays; Principles of Tribal Management, to be taught by Dr. William Day at 6:30 p.m., on Thursdays; Tribal Control and Information Systems-Tribal Accounting Systems, to be taught by Dr. George Underwood at 6:30 p.m., on Fridays; and Grantsmanship, which will be taught by Dr. Neil Morton at 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays.

Other courses are planned as the program progresses to give students pursuing the master's degree a total of 34 hours of in-depth study in the specialized area of tribal management.

The schedule of courses for the spring semester will include Tribal Government and Tribal Management, Tribal Relationships with Federal and State Governments, Tribal Problem Identification and Resources, Advanced Tribal Management Policy, and Comparative Tribal Systems.

Persons desiring more information may contact the program's director, Donald Bread, by writing to MBA - Tribal Management Program, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Okla. 74464, or by calling (918) 456-5511 Ext. 227.



Indian Theatre Co. Honors Director

The American Indian Theatre Company of Oklahoma and the Tulsa Indian Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc., honored Bob Hicks, who recently was chosen to attend the American Film Institute in Los Angeles, at a Benefit Concert Friday, Aug. 24, at 304 S. Trenton.

Hicks, an Okemah native of full-blood Creek-Seminole extraction, is one of 75 out of 750 applicants who will study at this prestigious film academy. Having applied for and won one of 15 directing fellowships, Hicks believes this will be the only way an Indian will have the opportunity to do a feature film about Indians.

In 1975, Hicks began directing with the production of "Skins" sponsored by the Tulsa Indian Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TICADA). The production was so well received by the Indian community that the American Indian Theatre Company of Oklahoma was established. Hicks directed the AITCO productions of "The Ecstasy of Rita Joe" and "The Great Turtle Migration." He also directed "The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia" for Theatre Tulsa.

Although he has been awarded a scholarship for his tuition, Hicks will need additional funding for his living expenses. Since the agencies created to help Indians pursuing educational goals and technical skills have no programs to assist those wishing to study the arts at special institutions, AITCO has established a scholarship fund for these individuals.

Hicks will be the first recipient of the AITCO Scholarship.

Individuals wishing to contribute may send donations to the American Indian Theatre Company of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 2140, Tulsa, OK 74101. Donations should be made payable to the American Indian Theatre Company of Oklahoma - Scholarship Fund. Receipts and tax-exempt letters will be given to those donating.

For additional information call 438-0084.

Native American Studies Director Named

Pete G. Coser has been named Assistant Director of the Native American Studies Program at Claremore College.

Coser, a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and a Master of Behavioral Studies Degree. He is also an accomplished traditional American Indian artist whose work has been shown at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, the Ardmore All-Indian Fair, the Creek Nation Museum and the Cherokee Nation. As an artist he has received the Jerome Tiger Memorial Award and the Creek Indian Heritage Award.

"Claremore College provides an excellent opportunity for Indian students to survey the American Indian and to learn of their tribal backgrounds," said Coser. "Students need a quality education in order to be competitive in the mainstream of society."

Coser has taught at public schools in Durant, Dallas, Ardmore, and has been the Program Activities Specialist and Coordinator of the I.D.E.A.I. Alternative School, Tulsa Indian Youth Council, Inc.

At Claremore this fall he will be teaching a course called "Indians of Oklahoma." Traditionally this has been a historical survey course. But, Coser will be striking out in a new direction

by also focusing on Native American ceremonials and religions as a way to examine the similarities and differences in the various tribe's perceptions of their world. He has invited guest lecturers such as a Native American church ceremonial leader, a Creek ceremonial leader, a Natchez-Cherokee ceremonial leader, an American Indian Movement ceremonial leader and an Indian Christian minister to speak to his class.

As a member of the Redland Northern Singers and of the Creek Tribal Town, Cussetah, Coser has extensive experience with various forms of Indian ceremonials.

Coser and his daughter Kimberly Dawn currently reside in Tulsa.

Long Receives Scholarship



SIDNEY LONG

Sidney Long, a Creek girl from Okmulgee, was selected as recipient of an Academic Scholarship at Claremore College for the 1979 fall semester.

Sidney, daughter of Thomas Long, was selected to receive the \$175 Scholarship on the basis of her scholarship ability. She is a graduate of Okmulgee High School and is planning a career in Speech Therapy. Sidney will be a Freshman this fall at Claremore.



KEN TAYLOR

Creek Coach Honored

Coach Ken Taylor, son of Alice and Hully Taylor, was voted by Arrowhead League Head Coaches as the most "Outstanding" or "Coach of the Year" for the 1978-79 season.

Ken is a coach at Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California.

Ken resides at Anaheim, California.

career opportunities

Paralegals Needed

Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma, Inc., (LSEO) has two (2) openings for a paralegal; one to work out of the Stilwell office and to serve Sequoyah County, and one to work out of the Okmulgee office and to serve Okfuskee County.

Requirements are: Functional literacy, good writing and speaking abilities. Must be able to relate to the problems of the poor. Duties will be to represent individuals and groups in securing their full entitlements and maximum benefits from health care, income maintenance, housing, and social service programs, and to protect their rights as consumers.

Resumes for Sequoyah County should be sent to Tom Pipal, 23 W. 4th St., Suite 200, Tulsa, OK 74103.

Resumes for Okfuskee County should be sent to B. C. Weiner, 317 W. 7th, Suite 102,

Okmulgee, OK 74447 by July 27, 1979. LSEO is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER. HANDICAPPED, MINORITIES AND WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

During the larger group sessions, students may be instructed in available classrooms that have chalk-board facilities; however, the lab should be used when it is available.

SALARY

\$10,500-\$13,250

APPLICATIONS: Submit letter of application, resume or vitae, transcripts and three letters of recommendation to:

Personnel Department

BACONE COLLEGE

Muskogee, OK 74401

DEADLINE: September 17, 1979

AN AFFIRMATIVE ACTION-EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

BIA Positions

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has been recruiting to fill 45 clerical and professional positions in its Central Office of Indian Education in Washington, D.C., Director Earl Barlow announced today.

Barlow said that the openings have been created by a reshaping and strengthening of the BIA's central education office to meet current education needs of Indians and Alaska Natives.

Eight vacancy announcements for positions of GS-11 to GS-15 levels were issued July 9 and the remaining 37 are expected to be issued before the end of the month.

There are positions to be filled, Barlow said, in elementary and secondary

education, post-secondary education, education of the exceptional child, student support services, planning and program development and administrative support. They include jobs for clerical typists, clerk-stenos, analysts, education specialists and supervisory education specialists.

Qualified Indian applicants will be given preference in filling all these positions.

Further information about the specific positions and qualifications requirements may be obtained from local Bureau of Indian Affairs offices or by writing to the Branch of Personnel Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 18th and C Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240 (202-343-7581).

Institute Of American Indian Arts

The Institute of American Indian Arts will continue to offer the full two-year accelerated art-education program at its home base in scenic Santa Fe, New Mexico. This announcement of support for the existing two-year post-secondary junior college dedicated to the training of artistically talented Indian youth from tribes throughout the nation comes from Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Forrest Gerard, and the Director of the Office of Indian Education Program, Earl Barlow.

It was previously announced through error that the school would not accept new students and would serve only those who had been previously enrolled in the programs the Institute is accepting applications from all new and returning students for both grades 13 and 14.

The Institute is unique in being the only school in the country founded and funded by the federal government to provide accelerated art instruction for native American students. The outstanding works produced by these students have brought national and world wide acclaim.

The high school program

has been terminated to allow for greater development of the arts on the Junior College level. The school, which has Candidate for Accreditation Status with the National Association of Schools of Art and the North Central Accreditation Association, offers Associate of Fine Arts degrees in the following areas: Two-Dimensional Arts, Three-Dimensional Arts, Museum Training and Creative Writing.

The rapidly growing department of Performing Arts offers courses in dance and drama. The school population of 200 represents more than 56 tribes and 26 states. Its students have gone on to the most prestigious art schools in the country and also in other countries, e.g., London, Paris, Italy, for advanced training and have achieved status in the nation and international art world.

The school (offers free) room, board, tuition and most supplies for students of 1/4 or more Indian ancestry. Applications are now being accepted for the fall quarter which begins September 4th.

For applications or more information write to: Admissions Office, Institute of American Indian Arts, 1300 Cerillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.

Native American Studies At Berkley

The Native American Studies program at Berkeley is one of the most successful programs in the Nation. The department offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with emphasis in the areas of History and Culture; Law, Government, Community Development; and Social Institutions.

The NAS major opens up a new perspective to Native Americans and non-Native Americans.

Counseling and service

regarding admission procedures, financial aid, housing, and tutoring are available through the NAS Counseling Unit.

For more information, contact:

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Assistant Instructors

Position open for Learning Assistance Lab-Classroom Assistant Instructor with specialization-experience in English as a second language.

The assistant lab instructor should have at least a Bachelor's Degree (Master's Degree preferred), teaching experience, small group and individualized teaching knowledge. He/she is to be concerned with academic skills development; however, this person should be one with sensitivity to students' needs. He/she is not usually responsible for any daily planning, therefore, he/she should be in the lab from 8:30-12:30 and from 1:00-4:00 daily, (but instructor may have classroom teaching assignments). The assistant instructor is to plan his/her individualized and small group sessions with the students during lab hours that do not conflict with the larger group sessions that re-inforce the developmental classes. When there are no students to instruct, he/she is to replenish and organize lab materials. He/she is also responsible for keeping attendance records, reporting them to the lab supervisor for further record keeping.

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**MUSCOGEE
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CONSTITUTIONAL ELECTION
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creek forum

vote yes

Views On The Proposed Constitution By Principal Chief Claude Cox

DON'T BE MISLED. THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION IS A VITAL AND NECESSARY DOCUMENT. THERE ARE GOOD, REASONABLE, CREEK REASONS FOR EVERY PROVISION IN THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION. HERE ARE EXPLANATIONS OF SOME OF THE ISSUES:

TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

The Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act is a federal law which supports the rights of the Creek people to govern themselves.

This is the only federal law which requires federal courts and agencies to recognize actions of tribal governments in Oklahoma.

This is also the only federal law which authorizes the Creek Nation to reorganize its citizenship and to eliminate non-Creeks from the category of tribal membership.

The Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act does not create or destroy any powers of our tribal government: it is simply a way to recognize the powers of our tribal government that have existed for untold centuries.

If we do not organize under Section 3 of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, the federal government will not be required to recognize the decisions of our tribal government.

A powerless tribal government would be worse than no government at all.

ENROLLMENT OF CITIZENS

Federal court decisions often depend upon whether an Indian is enrolled by their tribe or not. Many important parts of your status as an Indian, especially as a Creek Indian, cannot be recognized in law if you are not on the tribal rolls.

Our tribal rolls are now closed, but the adoption of the Proposed Constitution will re-open them. This is the best possible way to preserve the rights of our Creek people in their status as American Indians.

Other federal benefits, such as BIA programs will soon be limited to enrolled members of federally recognized Indian tribes.

The best way to preserve these rights and benefits for our people is to enroll every Creek citizen.

TRIBAL TOWNS

The PROPOSED Constitution continues our tradition of having tribal towns. Representatives shall be elected by their districts.

APPOINTMENTS OF OFFICERS

Every appointment by the Principal Chief shall be subject to approval by a majority of the National Council.

If the National Council is not in session, a temporary appointment by the Principal Chief will expire at the beginning of the next Council meeting.

OTHER ISSUES:

Tribal membership shall be limited to all persons who are Creek Indian by blood. Tribal officers must be 1/4th or more Creek Indian by blood.

Tribal courts will be established, which will keep issues such as the Harjo case in the jurisdiction of Creek judges and Creek juries.

The treaty jurisdiction of our tribe is not changed in any way.

The powers of tribal government are concentrated in the National Council. The traditional role of the Principal Chief as an agent of the Council shall be continued, balanced by the jurisdiction of our new tribal courts.

SUPPORT OUR TREATY RIGHTS AS INDIANS TO GOVERN OURSELVES AND OUR NATION. SUPPORT THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION. VOTE "YES" OCTOBER 6.



Claude A. Cox
Principal Chief
Creek Nation

vote no

Views By Allen Harjo & Bryant Jesse (Commission Members Representing Tribal Towns)

Do you want the Creek Tribe to be governed by this proposed constitution of May 24, 1976?

Our vote on October 6, is going to be NO!

Our views presented here are on those things which seriously affect the Tribe as a whole or you, a Creek tribal member. This May 24, 1976, constitution was drafted by a committee chosen by Principal Chief, Claude Cox, before September 2, 1976. These dates are important to remember! On September 2, 1976, Judge William B. Bryant, U.S. District Court, Washington D.C. ruled that the 1867 Creek Constitution was still valid and good. Therefore, it was no longer necessary to need the "Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act" under which to reorganize the Creek Tribal Government.

SOVEREIGNTY. What will happen to our sovereignty (or authority) under this new constitution? WE WILL LOSE IT because the "Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act is a federal act with all of its provisions under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and that is no choice. Judge Bryant called the Department of Interior's involvement "Bureaucratic Imperialism" and it must stop. Federal Government would like nothing better than to have full control of the Tribe with your consent. No Creek Chief in his right mind would support it. Be careful. See Article I, Section I. It reads "...and is hereby organized under Section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (48 Stat. 1967)..." This is the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act!

CITIZENSHIP. What will happen to your Creek citizenship under this new constitution? YOU ARE GOING TO LOSE IT. If this document passes, you will no longer be a citizen of the Creek Nation but instead you will be required to make an application to be a Creek citizen; this means all of us, over 35,000 according to the per capita payment rolls. THAT'S NOT ALL. You will then become a Full Citizen or a Citizen. A Full Citizen means that you are 1/4 blood quantum or more. A Citizen means that you are less than 1/4 blood quantum. Redetermining your citizenship is not necessary. You can prove your Creek blood by associating with your roll number or with that of your ancestry. However, this means that if you do not apply for citizenship, you will not be a member of the Creek Tribe. This may affect your right to participate in tribal benefits. And, for many people to make such an application, it will not be easy because many of our Creek people do not have adequate means or resources to make the application or furnish appropriate documentation.

BLOOD QUANTUM. After this constitution goes into effect, those of you who are less than 1/4 Creek blood, YOU WILL NEVER AGAIN BE ALLOWED OR BE ELIGIBLE TO HOLD OFFICE WITHIN THE CREEK TRIBE. This last provision was supposedly designed to eliminate the black Creek Freedmen but even Judge Bryant emphasized that this reorganization was the business of Creeks by blood themselves and has nothing to do with the Freedmen. Requirements should not be placed on you, the citizen; it should be placed upon the officeholder or the councilman as additional qualifications. The ability to speak Creek would be a very desirable qualification also. The Creek Tribe has not had a principal chief that could speak the Creek language since the late 1950s when Mr. Turner Bear served as Principal Chief. The process of gradually eliminating those who are less than 1/4 blood can be interpreted as an act of TERMINATION.

REPRESENTATION. How will you be represented in the tribal government by this constitution? Very inadequate is a good guess. The traditional Creek people WILL NOT be represented at all. Judge Bryant noted this in his court opinion when he said that this constitution alters the form of representation by doing away with tribal town representation which has always been used throughout history. Tradition, in this case, does not mean only those people who still participate in functions of the ceremonial ground. In times past, it was assumed by some that tradition was the opposite of Christianity. This is absolutely false. Many of our Indian churches were named after tribal towns. Today and for the last few years, members of those churches and participants of those ceremonial grounds come together, side by side, in our monthly tribal town meetings,

See Vote No Pg. 8

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

Under the guidance of the Almighty God, Our Creator, We the People of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, to promote Unity, to establish Justice, and secure to ourselves and our children the blessings of Freedom, to preserve our basic Rights and Heritage, to strengthen and preserve self and local Government, in continued relations with the United States of America, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

ARTICLE I

Section 1.

The name of this Tribe of Muscogee (Creek) people shall be "The Muscogee (Creek) Nation", and is hereby organized under Section 3 of the Act of June 26, 1936 (48 Stat. 1967).

Section 2.

The political jurisdiction of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be as it geographically appeared in 1900 which is based upon those Treaties entered into by The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the United States of America; and such jurisdiction shall include, however not limited to, properties held in trust by the United States of America and to such other properties as held by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, such property, real and personal to be TAX-EXEMPT from Federal and State taxation, when not inconsistent with Federal law.

Section 3.

The official seal of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be the Seal as is illustrated:

ARTICLE II

Section 1.

Each Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood shall have the opportunity for citizenship in The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 2.

This Constitution shall not abridge the rights and privileges of individual citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation enjoyed as citizens of the State of Oklahoma and of the United States of America.

Section 3.

This Constitution shall not abridge the rights and privileges of persons of Muscogee (Creek) blood for purposes of claims against the United States of America.

Section 4.

This Constitution shall not affect the rights and privileges of individual citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation in their trust relationship with the United States of America as members of a federally recognized tribe.

Section 5.

This Constitution shall not in any way abolish the rights and privileges of persons of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to organize tribal towns or recognize its Muscogee (Creek) traditions.

ARTICLE III

Section 1.

The Principal Chief shall appoint, subject to majority approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, a Citizenship Board comprised

of five (5) citizens who shall be charged with the responsibility of the establishment and maintenance of a Citizenship Roll, showing degree of Muscogee (Creek) Indian blood based upon the final rolls prepared pursuant to the Act of April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. 137), and other evidence, as prescribed by ordinance.

Section 2.

Persons eligible for citizenship in The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall consist of Muscogee (Creek) Indians by blood whose names appear on the final rolls as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137), and persons who are lineal descendants of those Muscogee (Creek) Indians by blood whose names appear on the final rolls as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137); (except that an enrolled member of another Indian tribe, nation, band, or pueblo shall not be eligible for citizenship in The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.)

Section 3.

- (a) All persons eligible for citizenship shall register as an applicant for citizenship; and
- (b) The Citizenship Board shall certify citizenship, and the declaration of citizenship may be affirmed at any time with the name of the individual being entered on the citizenship roll, and the persons being recognized as a citizen of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, provided that:

- (1) the person is a Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood whose name appears on the final rolls as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. 137), or the person is a lineal descendant of a Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood whose name appears on the final rolls as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. 137); and is not an enrolled member of another tribe, nation, or pueblo; and

- (2) has made application to the Citizenship Board to become a citizen of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation;

- (c) Except those persons who are Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood whose name appears on the final rolls as provided by the Act of April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. 137) shall be automatically included as citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 4.

Full citizenship in The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be those persons and their lineal descendants whose blood quantum is one-quarter (1/4) or more Muscogee (Creek) Indian, hereinafter referred to as those of full citizenship. All Muscogee (Creek) Indians by blood who are less than one-quarter (1/4) Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood shall be considered citizens and shall have all rights and entitlements as members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation except the right to hold office.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1.

The Principal Chief shall appoint, subject to majority approval of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, an Election Board comprised of five (5) citizens who shall be charged with the responsibility of conducting, as prescribed by ordinance, all regular and special elections of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 2.

Every citizen of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, regardless of religion, creed, or sex, shall be eligible to vote in the tribal elections provided that (a) they are registered voters for elections; (b) they are at least eighteen (18) years of age at the date of election, with the registrant providing sufficient proof of age to the Election Board; and (c) they hold citizenship.

Section 3.

All elections shall be by secret ballot.

Section 4.

No candidate for office shall be considered elected unless the candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

Section 5.

If there is any office in which a candidate does not receive the required majority of the votes, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in that particular election.

Section 6.

Election dates for offices of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be no more than four (4) years apart.

Section 7.

All citizens shall be allowed to vote for the Principal Chief and any such national office that shall be created.

Section 8.

Only those citizens having legal residence in a district shall be allowed to vote in an election for that district.

Section 9.

All citizens having legal residences outside the herein defined jurisdiction of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall declare a home district within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation which shall be recognized as his legal residence for purposes of voting in tribal elections.

ARTICLE V

Section 1.

(a) The executive power shall be vested in and shall be known as The Office of Principal Chief of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Principal Chief shall hold office during a term of four (4) years upon election by majority of the votes cast. The term of office shall begin the first Monday in the new calendar year (January).

(b) No person, except a citizen holding full citizenship, having attained the age of thirty (30) and having been a legal resident within the political jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for one (1) year immediately prior to filing for office, shall be eligible for the Offices of Principal Chief or Second Chief.

(c) In the case of vacancy, whether by removal, death, or resignation of the Office of Principal Chief, the line of succession shall be the Second Chief who shall be elected in the same manner as prescribed for the Principal Chief. In the event of a vacancy of the Office of Second Chief, that an election be held within 60 days to fill the office of the Second Chief unless it happens within the last six months of the term in which case the term would remain vacant until the next election.

(d) The Principal Chief and the Second Chief shall, at stated times, receive for their services a fixed compensation, which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which they shall have been elected.

(c) Before the Principal Chief enters on the execution of his office, he shall publicly take the following oath or affirmation:

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute The Office of Principal Chief of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and will, to the best of my ability, uphold the Constitution of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation."

Section 2.

(a) The Principal Chief shall create and organize the Executive Office of the Principal Chief; and

(b) With the advice and consent of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council appoint offices of the Executive Office. The National Council may, by ordinance, vest the appointment of such inferior offices as they think proper in the Principal Chief alone or in the officers.

(c) The Principal Chief shall have the power to fill vacancies by granting commissions which shall expire at the beginning of the next National Council meeting.

Section 3.

The Principal Chief shall prepare the annual budget requests and supplements thereto and with the advice and consent of the National Council administer funds within the control of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 4.

The Principal Chief shall from time to time however not less than once a year give to The Muscogee (Creek) National Council information of the state of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and recommend for their consideration such measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient. He may on extraordinary occasions convene The Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, as it geographically appeared in 1900, shall be divided into eight (8) districts corresponding namely with the Counties of Creek, Hughes/Seminole, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee/Seminole, Okmulgee, Tulsa, and Wagoner/Rogers/Mayes, in whole or portion thereof.

Section 2.

All legislative power herein shall be vested in The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which shall consist of one (1) House with one (1) representative from each district, and one (1) additional representative for each 1,000 district citizens.

- (a) Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for two (2) years.
- (b) Each representative shall be a legal resident of his district.
- (c) No person shall be a representative who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) and hold full citizenship.
- (d) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee (Creek) National Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council be equally divided, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall preside in absence of the Speaker.

Section 3.

The term of office shall begin at the first meeting of the National Council following the first day of January and the oath of office shall be taken at the first meeting.

Section 4.

- (a) A majority of the members of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall constitute a quorum to do business. A smaller number may adjourn or compel the attendance of absent members in a manner and under such penalties to be prescribed by ordinance.
- (b) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall judge of the returns and qualifications of its members, determine the rules of its proceedings, penalize its members for disorderly behavior and, with the concurrence of two-thirds (2/3) of the National Council, expel a member from a meeting.

Section 5.

- (a) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council member shall receive a compensation for his services, to be prescribed by ordinance and paid out of the Treasury of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
- (b) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, shall choose its own secretary whose compensation shall be provided by ordinance.
- (c) No National Council member shall, during their term of office, be appointed to any civil office under the authority of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation or such office which shall have been created or the emoluments whereof shall have been increased during such time; and no person holding any elective, appointive, or any other office whether compensated or not under The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be a member of the National Council during their continuance in office.

Section 6.

- (a) Every bill which shall have passed the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, before it becomes ordinance, shall be presented to the Principal Chief of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation. If he approves, he shall sign it; but, if not, he shall return it with his objections to The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, who shall enter the objections at large on their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If, after such reconsiderations, two-thirds (2/3) of the full membership of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass the bill, it shall become an ordinance. In such cases, the votes shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting for and against shall be entered on the journal of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council. If any bill shall not be returned by the Principal Chief within ten (10) days, Sundays and holidays excepted, after it shall have been presented to him the same shall be an ordinance as if he had signed it.
- (b) Every order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be submitted in accordance with the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill.
- (c) Every ordinance, order, resolution, or other act intended to reflect the policy of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be stamped with The Seal of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and be signed by the Principal Chief of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 7.

The National Council shall have the power (subject to any restrictions contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States of America) to legislate on matters subject to limitations imposed by this Constitution as follows:

- (a) To promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that may contribute to the social, physical well-being and economic advancement of citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.
- (b) To negotiate with Federal, State, and local government and others.
- (c) To manage, lease, prevent the sale of, dispose or otherwise deal with tribal lands, communal resources or other interest belonging to The Muscogee (Creek) Nation or reserved for the benefit of such Nation.
- (d) To authorize and make appropriations from available funds for tribal purposes. All expenditures of tribal funds shall be a matter of public record open to all the citizens of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation at all reasonable times.
- (e) To enter contracts in behalf of The Nation with any legal activity that will further the well-being of the members of The Mus-

- (f) To employ legal counsel.
- (g) To borrow money on the Credit of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and pledge or assign chattels of future tribal income as security therefore.
- (h) To lay and collect taxes within the boundary of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jurisdiction from whatever source derived.
- (i) To create authorities with attendant powers to achieve objectives allowed within the scope of this Constitution.
- (j) To exercise any power not specifically set forth in this Article which may at some future date be exercised by The Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1.

The judicial power of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be vested in one Supreme Court limited to matters of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jurisdiction and in such inferior courts as the National Council may from time to time ordain.

Section 2.

The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members appointed by the Principal Chief, subject to majority approval by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, and whose term shall be for six (6) years beginning July 1.

Section 3.

The Supreme Court shall, with the approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council establish procedures to insure that the appellant receives due process of law and prompt and speedy relief.

Section 4.

The Supreme Court shall be presided over by a Supreme Court Justice chosen from their own number and shall be in regular, quarterly-scheduled session, coinciding with that of the fiscal year.

Section 5.

The decision of the Supreme Court shall be in writing and shall be final.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1.

The National Council shall enact an ordinance outlining procedures and causes for removal. Such procedures shall contain, but not limit to, the certification of the required petition, as provided in Section 2 and 3 of this Article and show of cause for removal, giving the accused an impartial hearing and allowance of time to answer to notice of such hearing.

Section 2.

A signed petition showing cause of removal containing twenty (20) per cent of registered voters in a district shall be cause to consider removal of a council member.

Section 3.

A signed petition showing cause of removal containing twenty (20) per cent of the registered voters of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be cause to consider removal of the Principal Chief, Second Chief, and/or any member of the Supreme Court. A three-fourths (3/4) vote of The National Council shall be required for removal from office.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1.

(a) This Constitution shall be amended by:

- (1) Passage of an amendment ordinance before The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which shall require two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote and thereafter
- (2) A two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the eligible voters who vote in special election called for said purpose by the Principal Chief pursuant to the rules and regulations that The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall prescribe.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Principal Chief to set such an election date at the request of a majority of The Muscogee (Creek) National Council within thirty (30) calendar days.

(c) Amendments ratified shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior or his agent for his approval and shall have full force and effect from the date of approval. The Secretary of the Interior or his agent shall give his approval or disapproval in writing within ninety (90) days, citing reason if disapproved. Failure to respond in the time limits set forth shall be construed as an act of approval.

ARTICLE X

Section 1.

This Constitution, when ratified by:

(a) Those eligible to vote herein defined as:

- (1) Those persons whose names appear on the final rolls of the Act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137) or
- (2) Those persons who are lineal descendants of a person whose name appears on the final rolls of April 26, 1906, (34 Stat. 137) and

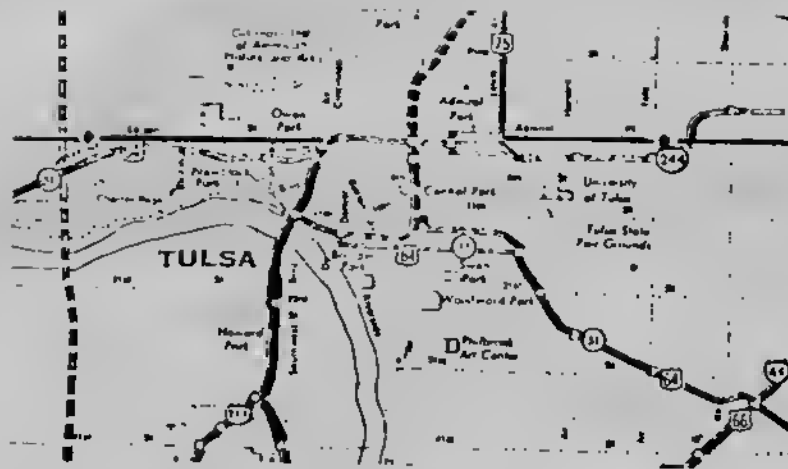
(b) A majority of those eligible who are registered to vote who vote in this Constitution Ratification Election of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation provided at least 30 per cent of those registered voters shall vote

shall become effective upon the date of ratification.

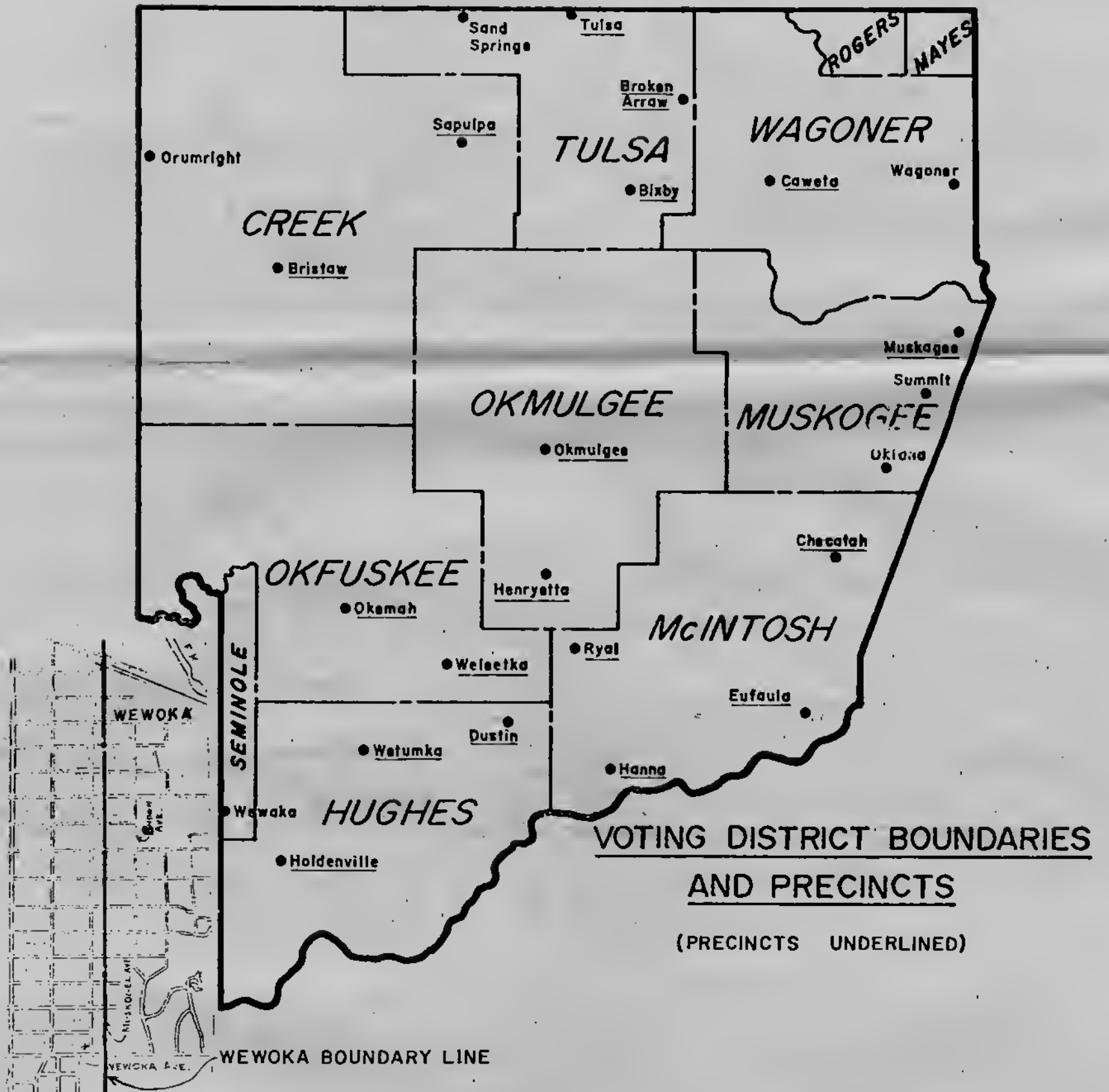
Section 2.

For the purposes of the first election of officers and representatives under this Constitution:

- (a) Those persons eligible to vote shall include all persons registered for the Constitution Ratification Election and those persons thereafter registered who are Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood and 18 years of age or more on the date of the election.
- (b) Each district shall elect one representative.



TULSA BOUNDARY LINE



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in search for a better tribal government. The Thompson family of Welty, Oklahoma, famous for their dedicated efforts to parch corn, will undoubtedly produce "abuske" for others to enjoy drinking this year. Our mothers continue to cook "sofke" in that black pot in the back yard because the microwave cooking will not get the job done. Creeks in Oklahoma City and in other distant cities make that long drive home every weekend to attend services of that Creek church in the country. Many will drive long distances to Wild Onion Dinners. Also, many will drive long distances to attend traditional services for the death of another Creek. Creek is usually the spoken language. All of these and many other things are considered tradition just as much as it is considered tradition to have a part in the Creek Tribal Government.

The provisions of this constitution which are supposed to resemble the 1867 Constitution and provide an executive authority, a judicial authority and a council authority are not in balance with one another.

There will be only eight council members with one serving as the chairman without a vote. The chief will be allowed to appoint 16 people; a five member Citizenship Board, a five member Election Board and six Judges. In addition, the Chief will be allowed to staff his office with as many people as he needs. No mention is made that they be Creek. The current practice of staffing the tribal offices and maintaining the work force is a shame. Due to the lack of constitutional protection, employees often serve at the mercy of the Principal Chief. There is a need for provisions in the constitution to govern tribal employment.

There is no mention made of the liabilities of the officeholder, such as bonding against mismanagement, etc. As reported in a Muskogee newspaper, the present Creek administration has been charged in a lawsuit that asks for a \$1,000,000.00 settlement and is still pending. Who will pay for the defense? This constitution does not provide adequate protection for the Tribe against loss of funds for such things of this nature.

No mention is made of salaries. If a Chief can get his friends in as council members, this will make it convenient to establish salaries of his choice. Are you willing to vote for such an arrangement?

Tribal representation is very important to the Creek people and the provisions in this constitution do not appear to be adequate or in the best interest of the Creek people.

WHAT CAN WE DO? VOTE!

How you vote on this proposed constitution on October 6, 1979 is your choice. Our tribe is supported mainly by federal funds and an unknown amount of tribal funds. Our tribe needs to be resourceful and your participation may be the magic that is needed.

OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. At present, we have two possible constitutions; the 1867 Constitution which has a legal status and the proposed constitution of May 24, 1976, which was obviously created out of political interest and has not yet been adopted.

Since Judge Bryant, in his court order of September 2, 1976, stated that he would retain jurisdiction over this matter until the tribal government was re-established, we then have a legal option.

THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU VOTE NO ON THIS PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND WHEN IT FAILS, WE WILL MOVE THAT THE COMMISSION PROPOSE A NEW DOCUMENT TO THE COURT THAT WILL CONTAIN IMPROVED PROVISIONS OF BOTH CONSTITUTIONS MORE SUITABLE TO THE CREEK PEOPLE.

Religious Freedom Report Submitted

The final report of the Indian Religious Freedom Task Force has been sent to the Congress, Secretary of the Interior Cecil D. Andrus said.

Andrus chaired the task force, which was established pursuant to President Carter's signing into law the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978. More than thirty Federal agencies were represented on the task force. The report to the Congress was mandated by the Act.

In preparing the report, the Federal agencies and the task force conducted formal consultations with Native traditional religious leaders in Alaska, Hawaii, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Dakota and Washington.

The Act declares that it is United States policy for Federal agencies to respect the customs, ceremonies, and traditions of Native American religions. For one year, Andrus said, the agencies have examined their policies and procedures, as required by the Act. They have worked with Native religious and tribal leaders to assure that the interference and insensitivity of the past will not be repeated in future practice.

He said that with this new policy, it is now possible to accommodate administratively most of the Native traditional religious needs under existing statutory authority. He also said many agencies have already removed impediments to Native religious freedom and developed internal mechanisms for continuing consultation on specific concerns. They also are preparing policies which will assure Native religious freedom in relation to Federal actions, incorporating the new policy into existing procedures and practices at the local level.

The report follows the categorical areas of the Congressional resolution, including land and access to sacred sites, including cemeteries; the use and gathering of sacred objects, including those transported across borders and possessed by museums; and ceremonies and traditional rites as they relate to Federal agency practice.

TO ALL VOTING MEMBERS OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION

RECENTLY, MY NAME HAS APPEARED ON CAMPAIGN BROCHURES AND CAMPAIGN STATIONERY AS THE "CHAIRMAN" OF A CAMPAIGN TO ELECT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS TO THE OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL CHIEF. FURTHER, THE TELEPHONE NUMBER CITED ON THE STATIONERY IS NOT MY TELEPHONE NUMBER.

THIS IS TO ADVISE MY NAME WAS USED WITHOUT MY PERMISSION OR KNOWLEDGE.

Betty D. Shannon
BETTY D. SHANNON

CN Coordinators Attend Workshop

Creek Nation community coordinators participated in a workshop conducted September 18, 19, 20, at Fountainhead State Lodge.

Two private consultants out of Albuquerque New Mexico, Richard Fairbanks and William Weahkee who hold Master's degree in management, served as instructors.

The workshop was aimed at acquainting community coordinators with management processes.

The four basic areas of management in which they were drilled were planning, controlling, organizing and directing.

According to Fairbanks the

end result of the workshop was to develop a "team result." This he felt was a key objective of the seminar. Also Mr. Fairbanks noted that the subject matter studied is usually college graduate level study and can take at least a semester or a full year to complete.

On the last day of the workshop, Weahkee commented that the coordinators were one of the sharpest groups he has ever been associated with. Mr. Weahkee served as instructor last year.

Steve Wilson director of Community Services also attended the three day workshop.

Creek Nation CETA Program Avoids Layoff

The U.S. Dept. of Labor, Division of Indian and Native American Programs, announced that all Indian Prime Sponsors Fiscal Year 1979 contracts have been extended through September 30, 1980. This will allow the Creek Nation CETA Program to

continue into the new fiscal year without any interruption in services. The fiscal year 1980 funding levels have not been finalized, but we expect to maintain all programs at approximately the same levels as in 1979.

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Final Meeting For Creek Advisory Council

BY DAVID KING

The Creek Nation National Council met Saturday, October 27, at the Creek Capitol Complex in Okmulgee at what could be the last meeting of their appointed term.

With the ratification of the new Creek Nation Constitution a new era in the history of the Creek National Council will take hold. The new Constitution which provides for an elected rather than appointed National Council, will be in effect upon election of the district representatives to the council.

During their quarterly meeting the National Council approved four resolutions: 1) Support for FY80 Johnson

O'Malley Supplemental Funds Formula No. 1,2) Support for Reallocation of USBIA Boarding School funds,

3) Travel and Per Diem costs in Tribal Programs and Federal, State, Local and Prival Programs administered by the Muscogee Nation and 4) The Comprehensive Plan of the Muscogee Nation.

In addition to approving the four resolutions the National Council voted to extend the contract of Attorney Paul Niebell, Lawyer representing the Creek Nation in Washington and also to extend the terms of Housing Authority board commissioners, Elisa Hicks and Bob Jackson.

Executive Director Gary

Breshears reviewed with the council the quarterly report concerning the programs projected for the upcoming

fiscal year. The division directors and program managers attending this meeting answered some of the

questions asked by the Council members about the programs. During the closing of the

Candidates Certified For Election

BY HELEN BENNETT

Four Candidates for Creek Principal Chief were certified, Tuesday, November 6, by the Creek Constitution Commission at the Creek National Capitol in Okmulgee.

Elections for this office and that of Second Chief and Representatives to the Creek National Council will be held December 1, in accordance with a Court ruling that an election for Tribal Offices

must be held within 60 days after the ratification of a new Creek Constitution.

The Court ruling came about as a result of a lawsuit filed by Allen Harjo against the present Creek Chief, Claude Cox. Harjo filed the suit shortly after he lost the election to Cox the first time for Creek Chief. However, because of the dismemberment of Creek Tribal Towns brought about by the dissolution of Creek Tribal

Government in 1907 by the United States Federal Government, the Courts and the Muscogee (Creek) people saw the need for a new constitution to be drafted and enforced by representation by districts.

A Creek Constitution Commission was formed and after lengthy, drawn-out sessions lasting nearly two years, a final draft was sub-

(See Candidates P. 3)



Creek National Advisory Council

The Creek National Council Members (L to R) Solomon McCombs, Vice-Chief (Kialigee), Glenn Moore, (Cussetha), Jimmie Skeeter (Euchee), Stan Douglas (Nuyaka), Jonas Patridge (Locapoka), Claude Cox (Chief), Billy Hale (Fishpond), Warren Allen (Euchee), Susanna Willits (Hitchita), David McKinney

(Tookeparchee), Bessie Sorethumb (Concharte), Sam Deo (Okchiye), Tony Hill (Tonkeparchee), Ben Porter (Arbekoce), Barney Leader (Little River), Gene Dunson (Thlopthocco), Lewis Jacobs (Hickory Ground) Robert Herrod (Greenleaf), Not shown Hattie Spears (Big Springs), Nettie Scott (Tookeparchee), and Wiley July (Arbeka Deep Fork).

CREEK NATION

FORUM

Tribal Government Rebirth Accomplishes Creek Goals

In the early 1970's when the Creek Nation began its rebirth as a tribal government, most government and private agencies were unsure about the Tribe's status. The Creek government was required to take various forms in order to accomplish the goals of the Creek People.

To qualify for initial funds to build the Creek Tribal Complex in Okmulgee, the tribal government, led by tribal leaders, took the form of a corporation wholly owned by the Tribe for construction purposes. The end result of this business decision on modern complex site owned by the Creek people and used daily as a center of tribal activity.

By using a private non-profit status, the tribal government was able to secure funds that continue to benefit the Creek people. Accomplishments through the Creek Nation Housing Authority and Creek Nation Foundation are evident throughout the eight-county area.

In 1977, when the Creek Nation was developing the hospital system in Okemah,

state officials requested that the governing body incorporate as a "public trust". Chief Claude Cox decided that it was time the tribal government take a stand. "At that time", Chief Cox explained, "we had a good track record of many successes and I wanted everyone to know the Creek government was alive and exerting its sovereignty". Chief Cox recalls that the licensing of the hospital as operated by a tribal government was a significant milestone for the recognition of Creek sovereignty.

"The final acceptance of the Creek government has been made complete by the ratification of our new constitution", stated Chief Cox. "But in those earlier days, had we not had the foresight nor the ability to use innovative mechanisms, the Creek people as a government would not enjoy many of the successes we see today".

"As for the future," Chief Cox said, "with continued leadership and effective management, successes dictated by the will of the Creek people are endless".

THE

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Creek Tribal Population To Be Counted For First Time In One Hundred Years

Now is the time for everyone to get ready for the 1980 U.S. Census of Population. This census, every 10 years, has not accurately reflected the Muscogee (Creek) population since a special census was conducted by them in 1890. If every Creek Indian does their part, this 1980 Census will be the first in almost a hundred years to correctly count the Creek people.

Every answer made to the census is confidential, so you can answer every question truthfully, without worrying about anyone else finding out. The answers for each household in each Enumeration District will be added together for totals, and the only information available from the Census Bureau will be for entire Enumeration Districts. (An Enumeration district is an area established by the Census Bureau which contains between 400 and 1,000 households).

Now is the time to talk with every member of your family about the U.S. Census coming up. It is very important that everyone expect a Census form in the mail, and if you don't get one, ask for one. Census forms will be mailed out the first week in April, 1980.

NOTICES

If you are a registered Creek voter or know of a registered Creek voter who has changed addresses since 1974 and have not notified the Creek Nation Election Board please do so immediately. Also if you know of any voters who are now deceased, please write or phone the Creek Nation Election Board, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447, phone 918-756-8700 ext. 209.

The Creek Nation Housing Authority has changed office hours. They now are open at 7:45 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

The Tahlequah Indian Club will hold its Annual Christmas Pow-Wow December 1, at the community building in Tahlequah. The Pow-Wow will begin with gourd dancing at 3:00, supper at 5:30, and war dancing at 7:30. There will be a Santa Clause for the kids.

Bood Pressure checks will be given by Creek Nation Health Field Representatives at Okemah Manpower office November 16 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TRIBAL STAFF WILL HELP ANYONE WHO HAS QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR CENSUS FORM AND HOW TO FILL IT OUT. Come in, call or write to Research, 918-756-8700, P.O. Box 1114, Okmulgee, Ok 74447.

The 1970 Census only identified about 11,000 Creek Indians. ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON U.S. CENSUS FIGURES. No matter how well tribal staff documented that there were several times this number of Muscogee (Creek) people, the U.S. Census findings were considered final until the 1980

Census would be taken.

Tribal staff have worked long and hard to get the federal government ready to count Creeks properly for the first time since 1890. Now it is the turn for each of you. Be proud of your identity as a Muscogee (Creek). Speak up when Census day comes on April 1 of next spring; be proud of being Creek, of being what you are and who you are. All your answers are confidential. A truthful U.S. Census count will help the tribal staff document the needs of the Muscogee people which can be served by federal programs.

LETTERS

TO THE CREEK NATION

Dear Creek Newspaper,
Well, I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. I attended the October 30th meeting of the Creek Constitution Commission. From what went on, they should have waited one more day and met on Halloween.

I know all about Indian time, but when they finally came to order even we full bloods were tired of waiting.

During the next few hours one member of the Commission, and I hope he's no relation, tried to convince the other members he was not a candidate for chief. This might have been believable if he and several young ladies at the meeting hadn't been wearing bright red jackets with his name and "FOR PRINCIPAL CHIEF" written on the back. Guess I'm the only one who noticed!

As if that wasn't enough, they voted on an issue and when it was about to be recorded, the chairman realized he didn't know what he was doing and called for a revote. He then voted his other conviction. Nothing like solid leadership.

I heard this bunch has already cost us over a quarter a million. I hope we can end this nonsense and get back to letting Cox lead the tribal business.

All I've got to say is that I don't know nothing about the circus, but I know clowns when I see 'em.

You probably won't print this, but I had to say it.

SAMUEL HARJO
Dallas, Texas

Kathy Strihbs
2113 Hayes Street
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401
To the Editor:

In a recent edition of the MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS, a tribal member wrote to thank Chief Claude Cox for his assistance in getting Creeks into the military academies.

Through the efforts of Chief Cox, I applied for, and received, a scholarship from the Indian Health Service to pursue a degree in pharmacy. I am looking forward to completing my education and working in one of the Creek Nation health programs. Creeks are making history as your paper clearly indicates and I am looking forward to the day when I can serve our people as a health professional.

I want to thank our Chief for what he has done for the tribe and for all of us as individual Creek citizens.

Sincerely,
-s- Kathy Stubbs



Council Cont...

meeting many of the council members expressed their sentiments towards working with one another and the honor of serving as a member of the Creek National Council.

In the event that a runoff election for National Council representatives is needed the present council may have one more meeting.

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mitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for approval. By referendum of the Muscogee people, on October 6 of this year, a new Creek Constitution was adopted.

Candidates for Creek Principal Chief are: twice elected incumbent Chief, Claude A. Cox, Shirley Fields, Keeper Johnson, and Allen Harjo. This will be the first attempt for Ms. Fields, the second attempt for Mr. Johnson, and the third attempt for Mr. Harjo to be elected Creek Chief.

For Second Chief, those being certified to run are: James King, Frank Kamp, Amos McNac, Solomon McCombs and Victor Childers.

For Representatives to council, those being certified are: HUGHES DISTRICT: James McGirt, Sock Buck and James Wesley. MUSKOGEE DISTRICT: Ed Seber and Helen Chupco. OKMULGEE DISTRICT: Glenn Moore, Sam Proctor and Juanita Dunson. OKFUSKEE DISTRICT: Tony Hill, Carney Roberts, Robert Herrod and Janell Sullivan. TULSA DISTRICT: Irene Cleghorn, Richard Freeman and Pete Cosar.

Also, Representative candidates for MCINTOSH DISTRICT ARE: Newman Thompson, Mary Scott, Lewis Jacobs, Jon Tiger, Sam Watson, Belvin Hill, Tommy Lowe and Thomas McIntosh, Jr. CREEK DISTRICT: Leon Gibbs, Jerri Kinsey, Jonas Partridge, Warren Allen, Mose Cahwee, Delbert Dunn and Elwood Bigpond. WAGONER DISTRICT: Ned Sarty and Ken Childers.

Location of voting precincts are as follows: TULSA DISTRICT: Tulsa Indian Youth Center, 716 South Troost; BROKEN ARROW, Broken Arrow Community Center, 1500 South Main; BIXBY: Bixby Community Center, 224 E. Jefferson.

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT: OKEMAH: Okemah Manpower Office, Main Street; WELEETKA: Indian Center, 204 W. 6th. MUSKOGEE DISTRICT: Fife Memorial United Methodist Church, 901 East Okmulgee. WAGONER-ROGERS-MAYES DISTRICT: Coweta Golden Ages Center, South Broadway, Old Courthouse.

MCINTOSH DISTRICT: EUFAULA: Manpower Office, 702 Forrest; CHECOTAH: Creek Nation Community Center, 800 S.W. 6th; HANNA: Hanna Public School; RYAL: Ryal Public School.

CREEK DISTRICT: SAPULPA: Indian Community Center, 520 South Adams;

BRISTOW: Creek Nation Housing Authority Indian Center. HUGHES DISTRICT: HOLDENVILLE: Community Adult Center, 124 North Creek; WETUMKA: Wetumka Housing Authority Center, 121 North Canadian; DUSTIN: Senior Citizens Building and OKMULGEE DISTRICT: HENRYETTA: Henryetta Civic Center, South 4th Street; OKMULGEE: Creek Nation Complex.

Every Creek Citizen who is registered to vote should take this opportunity to exercise their rights in Creek Tribal Government by voting on December 1.

PRINCIPAL CHIEF



CLAUDE COX

Advocating continued progress for the Creek Nation, Principal Chief Claude Cox is seeking re-election to a third term as the leader of the 30,000 member Creek tribe.

After the previous years as Chief, Cox feels that, "we've just scratched the surface in the Creek Nation becoming a stronger and more progressive Nation within a Nation". In his eight years as Principal Chief, Cox has seen the Creek Nation government grow from a one man, one room operation, to a 1500 employee organization.

The strength of the progress has been attributed to procuring funds for various services for Creek people. Because of the procurement of these funds the Creek Nation has become a model in the areas of health, housing, education, economic development, and other essential components of tribal government.

Cox, has been Principal Chief of the Creek Nation since he was elected in 1971 and 1975.

Candidates...



SHIRLEY 'MCCOSAR' FIELDS

A successful business woman and a former Revenue Agent with IRS, this candidate offers her ability in management in seeking the office of Principal Chief.

A graduate of Baylor University, an accountant and financial analyst, she has assisted many Indian men and women in getting into business. She states, "It will be my goal to improve existing Federal programs and work toward the development of industrial and tribal enterprises. Housing programs are great, but without adequate job opportunities, this program becomes meaningless."

The next chief must be able to work with an elected Council. It becomes critical now we have a principal chief who can work with an elected council and can share responsibility. I believe I am that candidate."

Married and the mother of three college students she is concerned about the quality of education and its costs.

"Greater opportunities and improved services in the future will come when the tribe has a means to produce income."

SECOND CHIEF



KEEPER JOHNSON

As a candidate for Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, my qualifications include previously serving on the Claremore Indian Hospital Advisory Board, Chairman of the Housing Authority, and involvement in numerous programs within the Creek Nation.

I am a graduate of Et. Sill Indian School, received a Bachelor's Degree from Western Kentucky University and Master's Degree from Oklahoma State University. I volunteered for active duty in the U.S. Army and received an honorable discharge. I am currently employed as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at Oklahoma State Tech.

I am a 40 year old candidate of the Coweta Tribal Town. My wife, an Indian has a Master's degree and has taught in the public schools for many years. We have two children, Keeper Jr., and Rojer.

My experience, educational qualifications, age, good health, and family are such that I will be able to serve the Creek people with total commitment.

SOLOMON MCCOMBS

I am announcing my candidacy for Second Chief, I would like you to know of my background. I am 3/4 blood Creek and a member of Kialegee Tribal Town. I speak Creek fluently and attended Tuskegee Indian Baptist Church.

Four years ago, I was appointed Vice Chief and Chairman of the Creek National Advisory Council. This has given me first hand knowledge of our Tribal programs. By talking and listening to you, I've helped the Principal Chief implement

and set goals you have expressed.

If elected, I will continue to seek your opinions and ideas, after all, this is your government. I seek your vote and support, so that together we can keep intact the team that has brought about a progressive, innovative and responsive government.



JAMES KING

Having lived in the Creek Nation all my life, except during pursuit of higher education, I have observed that the tribe has a tremendous potential to impact Creek lives and I would like to contribute to the future of tribal government as it affects Creek families.

As Second Chief, I would promote vigorously: (1) Sound tribal policies that will protect the rights of the Creek people; (2) Organized involvement of Creek people in major tribal legislation; (3) Adequate and sound funding for tribal government functions such as the tribal court; (4) Strengthen the trust relationship with the Federal Government.

Education: Masters Degree, University of Minnesota, 1973, completed course work for Doctorate, University of Minnesota, 1974.

Work Experience: Eleven years of Tribal Government, Experience in Planning, Management and Education.

For further information contact: Jerry Wilson, Campaign Manager, P.O. Box 500, Glenpool, Oklahoma 74033, (918) 299-1313.

VICTOR CHILDERS

I am a Tulsan and have resided at 1411 South Knoxville for the past 18 years. I am 48 years young and the son of the late Mose Childers of Coweta. My wife Patsy and I have three children.

I am a medical specialist in
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Candidates Cont...



(CHILDERS Continued)

the field of Radiology. I graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1950 and later attended Tulsa University. I have been employed at Children's Medical Center since 1956. I have announced my candidacy for Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, because I feel a deep and sincere desire to help my people, to offer my self, to have the needs of the young, old and all of the Creek Nation, as a whole.

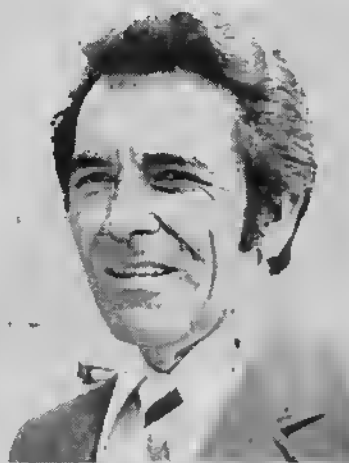
I am not an activist, I am a Creek Indian who visions a new beginning! I would appreciate your vote and support as Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and perhaps together we can equally serve mankind.

REPRESENTATIVES WAGONER DISTRICT



KEN CHILDERS

Representative Candidate, Wagoner County. $\frac{3}{4}$ Creek. Married, two children. Mother Violet Williams $\frac{1}{2}$ Creek, father Mose Childers $\frac{3}{4}$ Creek. Coweta High School Graduate. Veteran U.S. Navy. Lives on grandmother's original Creek Allotment. Employed Coweta Schools, Indian Counselor-



FRANK KAMP

Frank E. Kemp of Eufaula, Oklahoma, is announcing his candidacy for the office of Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

He is a member of the Quassarty No. 1 Tribal Town and is a member of the Beaver Clan. Mr. Kamp has been very active among the Creek people. He also worked in the Creek Constitution Commission office as an observer. He traveled extensively attending meetings in order to keep the people informed about the issues in the Tribal elections.

Mr. Kemp is 47 years old. He retired from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company in 1975 and will devote his full time to this office. Mr. Kemp chose to be an independent candidate and will work willingly and cooperatively with whoever is elected as Principal Chief.

Mr. Kamp will strive to serve the Creek people with care and concern in all areas.

TULSA DISTRICT



**IRENE
'JACOBS' CLEGHORN**

Born near Holdenville to John and Nancy Tea Jacobs, she is a member of New Tulsa and of the Sweet Potato Clan.

"My first concern is for education and vocational programs. As a council member I feel it will be my responsibility to instill trust and confidence in our government. Communication to and from our capitol must be improved. Tribal government has a responsibility to provide a better life for its people," states Mrs. Cleghorn.

She received her education at Oklahoma State University, after attending Haskell and Chilocco. Being three-fourths Creek, she is able to speak the Creek language fluently.

Residing in Tulsa for the past twenty-nine years she has worked with various organizations. Her husband is James Cleghorn and she has three sons and one grandson.

With your support we Creeks can work together to serve the interest of all Creek people.

CREEK DISTRICT



JERRI KINSEY

Jerri Kinsey, announcing her candidacy for Tribal Council Representative from Creek County is 4-4 Euchee Creek. The daughter of Lou Anna Tom Barnett and the late Wesley W. Barnett. She has lived in Sapulpa for 46 years.

After graduating from Sapulpa High, she worked for Liberty Glass Co. for 21 years and was the only lady to ever be President of that local union, representing all workers.

She attended night classes in speech, political science and government at State University, also attending Tulsa Junior College. After an accident, she went to work as a coordinator for Creek Nation. She has adopted and raised seven children.

She says, "I would like to work with my people, to help them understand the problems, opportunities, issues and mechanisms of the tribal government. I have seen the remarkable progress of my people and want to continue our step upward in the future."



DELBERT DUNN

I was born 42 years ago, five miles N.W. of Kellyville and have lived in the area all my life. Graduated from the Kellyville High School in 1956. My parents are Ralph and Martha Watashe Dunn and have two sisters.

I'm the father of one daughter and four sons, also two grandchildren. My wife is the former Wilma Sewel originally of Holdenville, OK.

I've been employed at the Liberty Glass Co. for 15 years. We are members of the United Methodist Church.

If elected I will do my utmost to work with all elected officials and serve the people in my district, Creek County.

OKMULGEE DISTRICT

GLEN MOORE

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for Representative to the Creek National Council for Okmulgee District.

Since 1971, I have been active in the affairs of the Muscogee Creek Nation, having served on the Advisory Council as treasurer and on the Tribal Affairs Committee. Also serving on the Board of



Directors for Creek Tribal Development and Construction, a vehicle for building the Tribal complex and other Tribal facilities.

Being born and reared in Okmulgee County, I have always been interested in the affairs of the Creek people and am proud to have been a part of the progress made during the administration of the first elected Chief.

Being $\frac{1}{2}$ Creek by blood, I feel qualified to serve as your representative and am anxious to further progress the Muscogee people in the areas of education, health, housing and other related fields that are important to the Tribe.



JUANITA DUNSON

Juanita Field Dunson, 44 Creek, is taking this opportunity to announce her candidacy for Council Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for the Okmulgee District.

She is a member of the Tuckabachee Tribal Town and she is of the Racoon Clan. She is the daughter of the late Punskee and Louisa Field.

Mrs. Dunson was raised in the culture and tradition of the Muscogee people and has always been active in these areas, serving on the local conference and national level of the United Methodist Church, as well as serving on

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Creeks Head Task Force In Health For Other Tribes

various Indian committees and organizations. She is experienced in Tribal government having served as a member of the Creek Council in the past.

Mrs. Dunson is presently holding offices with the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference and on the ecumenical level, is serving as Vice-President of the National Fellowship of Indian Workers.

Mrs. Dunson urges you to register and vote.

MCINTOSH DISTRICT



MARY SCOTT

Mary Scott filing for Representative of the Council of the Creek Nation was born near Eufaula. For the past three years has served as Vice Chairman, Chairman and now Secretary-Treasurer of the Eufaula Indian Development Community Program. Attended Eufaula High School and Tulsa University. Past Senior Regent of the Moose

Club and is a member of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary and is Secretary-Treasurer of McIntosh County Democratic Party, Ward 1, Eufaula.

Being 1/2 Creek Indian, her only interest is the advancement of her Indian people. She is asking for your vote and support.

Providing sufficient Health Care has always been a priority for Indian tribes across the country. The Indian Health Service has always provided health care for Indians in the past; however, with the passing of Public Law 93-638, Indian Self Determination Act, Indian tribes are taking a second look as to improving health care on a local level through tribally operated health care systems.

With the Creek Nation setting the pace for providing quality health care for their tribal members, it has served as a model for other Indian tribes to follow. Being the only tribe in the country to operate their own hospital as well as proving additional methods of health care services through the Indian Self-Determination Act, other tribes are seeking technical assistance from the Creek Nation in developing similar health programs for their respective tribes.

According to Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Creek Nation, other tribes are also confronted with problems in achieving their goals in the area of health. Other tribes

are beginning to face the same problems we did at the time we were trying to get our health program off the ground," says Cox. In a meeting held recently at the Creek Nation Complex, Cox told representatives of the Omaha Tribe that the major problem was working with the Indian Health Service Area Office, because they were reluctant in offering assistance. Chief Cox believes that the reluctance of the area office may stem from not having the manpower or the right attitude on Indian self-determination. He added, "However, since we have been able to provide the different health services and have shown that if given a chance tribes can operate their own programs, the relationship with Indian Health Service has improved."

With the Creek Nation serving as the front runner, meetings with other tribes are being scheduled within sixty days to form a task force to approach Indian Health service at the national level to discuss additional health problems among the Indian race.



Omaha Tribal Chairman, Eddie Cline (L), and Chief Cox during visit to Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

THE MOUND

The Creek Nation has recently moved some of its administrative offices into the newly constructed Independent Agencies Building located just southeast of the original complex building on the complex ground.

The three quarter million dollar building was one of four Local Public Works projects

developed by the Creek Nation thru an Economic development grant.

A unique architectural and historical feature of the Independent Agencies Building is its circular design which was patterned after the mounds that were constructed in the Southeastern United States by the Creeks before they were removed to

Oklahoma. The mounds made by the eastern Creeks were constructed of dirt and were used for religious, political, and burial purposes.

The 18,500 sq. ft. "Mound" has approximately 10,000 sq. ft. of office space surrounding a 235 seat amphitheater-type auditorium located in the center of the building.

Providing total air-conditioning, heating, and ventilation the landscaped dirt surrounding the building not only adds to its design but provides a natural insulation thus making the building more energy efficient. The building

also conforms to all federal handicap regulations.

Departments housed within the five large office suites of the new facility will be the three main community service division administrations, some of the tribal government services, and the executive and divisional directors.

Although there are more buildings planned for the future of the Creek complex the Independent Agencies marks not only a milestone in the growth of Creek Tribe but its design signifies the culturally rich past of our Creek Ancestors.



Creek Nation Tribal Operations

PERSONNEL SERVICES

To better acquaint Creek citizens with Tribal operations, both administrative and service, this issue of the Muscogee Nation News will explain in detail each component of operation.

Before any service can be rendered, there must be administrative guidance to secure and allocate funding, to assign management procedure and to see these procedures are carried out in order for services to be maximized.

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF



Office of the Principal Chief

Etta Conner, (L), Administrative Assistant to Chief Cox and Linda Watson (R), Executive Secretary to the Principal Chief.

The office of the Principal Chief is the nucleus of administration for the Creek Nation. Administrative management from the Principal Chief's office is the direct result of the Creek Tribe becoming the most progressive Indian Tribe in the United States today. We have more services available; and in some instances such as Creek Nation Community Hospital

and Creek Nation Mobile Health Unit, Creek Nation has actually set precedent for other tribes to follow.

The Principal Chief also works closely with Independent agencies concerning Creek Nation, such as: Indian Health and Dental Clinics, Creek Nation Housing, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Creek National Council and the Creek Constitution Commission.



Executive Director of Creek Nation: Gary Breshears

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Office of the Executive Director of Creek Nation is an extension of the Principal Chief's office in formulating

tribal operations. This office has the responsibility of the actuality of implementation.

The Personnel Service administration accepts and distributes all Creek Nation job applications as well as processing all employee fringe benefit claims. They also record and update personnel records. This office is available to help any Creek Nation employee or potential employee with problems or questions concerning employment with Creek Nation.

Currently Creek Nation employs 600 persons and an additional 450 is employed by Creek Nation Housing Authority, with a staff of 38 and employment of 400 others as the direct result of Creek Housing construction. According to the Creek Nation Planning Department, projected employment in the next ten years should total an estimated 1,500 full time employees. This will develop with completion of phase II and III of the Agri-Business Complex.

An Economic Development Specialist will be on staff soon. Through the development of economic enterprises the employment projection will rise much higher, placing Creek Nation in the top percentil of employers in this area. Approximately 90 percent of Creek Nation employees are Indian. A Supreme Court ruling allowing Indian Tribes to give Indian Preference for all potential employees has made it possible for Creek Nation to employ more Indians than ever has been before in this area.



personnel services

Creek Nation Personnel staff: (L to R) Debi Johnson, Mary Alexander, Bernadett Whitlow, Amelia Brown.





Fiscal and management

Fiscal and Management staff: (L to R) Racheal Thomas, Lucien Berryhill, Rick Kelly, Romona Harjo, Myron Taylor and Rita Rose.



accounting department

Accounting Staff: (first row) Barbara Fox, Mona Roberts, Galela Davis, Linda Chisholm, Mary Taylor, Louise Haynes, Irene Washington (third row) Novena Dunson, Annabelle English, Vi Mitchell, Linda Powell (fourth row) Sarah Micco, Wynema Steele, Jay Buckner, (fifth row) Arthur Coon, Larry Berryhill, Tom Mitchell.



general services administration

General Services Administration (GSA) staff: Newman Frank, Joe Trapman, Sharon Talaswima, David Bear, Pat Morgan, Lawrence Watashe (purchasing specialist)

FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT

..The Fiscal and Management Department Services Administration provides support services to the different organizations and agencies of the tribal government through: Organization and Systems Development, Internal Audit, and Compliance and Accounting. These services are designed to insure the continually expanding services to the Creek people and the operation of tribal government are conducted in an efficient, effective and proper manner.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

..The Creek G.S.A. provides the frame work for the procurement and control of all Creek Nation property.

EXECUTIVE ARCHIVES

The Executive Archives provide services for library and records information management. These services include Tribal library, a records management system and a reproductive system.

ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

..The Accounting Department provides budgetary control of tribal expenditures and the complete maintenance of financial information.

OFFICE OF JUSTICE

..One of the goals of the present tribal leadership is to provide direct services to tribal members. In order to meet these goals, in April 1979, the Office of Justice was established to provide legal counsel and legal expertise to the different agencies, boards, offices, divisions and departments within the Creek Tribal Government.

On January 8, 1979 the Creek Nation Office of Justice, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, began offering legal service to Creek Indians over the age of 55. The program provides legal services in the areas of Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Welfare, Food Stamps and any other social service or areas where the elderly often encounter legal problems. Although the program is directed primarily for elderly Creek Indians, the clinic will provide services to elderly Indians of all tribes, as long as they reside within the boundaries of Creek Nation.

The Office of Justice is staffed by Attorney John H. Charloe and legal secretary Pat Wilson. All services are offered by appointment. Appointments may be made by calling Pat Wilson at 918-756-8700, ext 204.



executive archives

Executive Archives staff: Dianna Jackson (L). Manager and her assistant Sally West.



Office of Justice

Tribal Attorney, John Charloe reviews a legal matter with Secretary Loretta Wilson.

TRIBAL AFFAIRS



Tribal Affairs

Director of Tribal Affairs: Bill Fife.

The division of tribal affairs serves the Creek Nation in two ways, by providing supportive services to the tribal administration and by providing services directly to individual Creek citizens.

Presently, the Division of Tribal Affairs is made up of the

office of the Director and five divisional branches. The director, Bill Fife is responsible for general management activities including planning, organizing, staffing, directing, controlling and coordination of the administrative branches of the division.

GOVERNMENT RESEARCH AND POLICY

Services provided by Government Policy and Research Administration to either tribal government or its citizens are:

1) **RIGHTS PROTECTION**—Two trained paralegals provide representation for citizens involved in administrative actions or appeals and provide technical assistance to client chosen lawyers in civil and criminal cases.

2) **RIGHTS PROTECTION**—Research into tribal government and the history of federal Indian policy. Most individual services involve working with tribal rolls establishing a person's tribal town, assistance in documenting a correct degree of Indian blood to the BIA, and similar requests.

3) **INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**—Two trained research analysts work on the complex issues to developing tribal codes of law for consideration by the tribal council, drafting policies for implementation by tribal boards and offices, and assisting communities in the

development of constitutions, by-laws and other community documents. A records clerk registers tribal voters and maintains 1 election records.

4) **FEDERAL POLICY**—A research specialist and a research technician WORK on the problems the tribe encounters in working with the federal government, agency rules and regulations and proposed legislation in the Congress.

5) **TRIBAL CLAIMS DEVELOPMENT**—With no special staff on this subject, the Policy and Research staff study and research issues related to claims by the Muscogee Creek Nation against the United States and third parties for land or damages.

6) **ADMINISTRATION**—Assistance in writing proposals for tribal programs, studies of federal regulations to insure that tribal programs comply with contract requirements, plus the direction of special research programs.

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Communication Center

Communication Staff: Tony Hale, Photographer; David King, Communication Specialist; Anita Tecumseh, Secretary; George Tiger, Communication Specialist; Famous Marshall, Graphics; and Helen Bennett, Communication Manager.

The Creek Nation Communication Center is responsible for gathering information and disseminating

this information to the Creek people in the form of the Muscogee Nation News, press releases, video tapes and other

media outlets. Also informing the general public about Creek Nation progress and Creek culture and tradition.





Government Research and Policy

Government Research and Policy Administration staff: (L to R) Nelson Wind, David Proctor, Richard Anderson, Kay Willie, Robert Trepp (Manager), Phil Perryman, Nettie Harjo, Debbi Griffith (Not shown), Teresa Jennings.



Lighthouse Administration (SECURITY)

Creek Nation Lighthouse Administration: Roman Checotah, Duke Harjo (Manager).



Lighthouse Security

Lighthouse Security Staff: (front row, L to R) Mary Watashe, Lucy Sewell, Patricia McGert, Andrew Tecumseh, James Howlingcrane (second row) Kenneth Davis, Fred Lowe, Dwayne Lowe, Amos Anderson, Jim Harjo, Frank Moppin (third row) Bill Underwood, Eastman Whitlow, Solomon Fields, Jesse Givens, Norman Harjo.

Gov'l Research & Policy Cont...

On August 7th of each year or the Friday before if the 7th is on a weekend, a Treaty Day Seminar is held in commemoration of the first Muscogee Nation Treaty signed with the United States.

Government Policy and Research services are provided to individual citizens upon request. To request these services you may call the Creek Complex, 918-756-8700, ext. 214.

LIGHTHORSE ADMINISTRATION

The Creek Nation has undertaken through the Division of Tribal Affairs to re-develop the Lighthouse, once a portion of the Tribal Judicial System, to be eventually turned over to such Judiciary as can be re-established under the law.

The purpose of the law enforcement and security component of the Lighthouse is to patrol tribal lands, protect person and property on those lands, to report serious violations to proper authorities for prosecution, to control counsel minor violators to reduce the repetition of such offenses in selected cases involving rights protection. Also to work with the Government Policy and Research Administration in an investigative and client-service capacity.

In May, 1978, the Lighthouse acquired patrol vehicles which were equipped with 2-way radios, thus enabling the security officers to keep in close contact with other mobile units and base stations on a 24 hour basis.

Security check stations are established at tribal sites in the Creek Nation, including Hanna (agricultural lands, herds, crops, supplies and equipment), Eufaula, (school and clinic), Sapulpa (school and community center), Yeager (community center and school), Dustin (Agri-Business Complex), Okemah (Creek Nation Community Hospital) and Okmulgee (complex of thirteen buildings, construction equipment, heavy equipment, construction inventories, office equipment, supply inventories, and a constant influx of persons, sometimes exceeding 1,000 persons per day).

The patrols check doors, fence gates, windows and other stations where security can be broken. Discoveries involving breaks in security are reported by radio to the central base, which logs incidents according to time, location and nature. Walking patrols on 24 hour duty at the Capitol Complex maintain security with portable radios.

ECONOMIC RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Research and Development Administration provides the Creek Nation with planning and research assistance towards initiating Tribal and individual economic projects.

The activities of this department are carried out by five Agriculture Specialists, one Land Management Specialist, and one Dairy Manager. During the past few years, these activities have been coordinated between the Comprehensive Planning Administration and the Economic Research and Development Administration centering around the Creek Nation Agri-Business Complex in Dustin.

One of the mechanisms for getting this economic system working is thru the use of cooperative associations working with tribal and individual owned business. It is the duty of the Economic Research and Development Staff to develop and implement the use of the planned cooperative

associations.

In the Hanna area, the Agri-Business operates a row crop farm, cow-calf operation and registered Santa Gertrudis herd. Within the next year, Creek Nation expects to complete a poultry farm and feedlot for swine, cattle and sheep. In addition a meat processing plant, creamery and cannery will be located on these lands. Construction for these facilities are well underway at this time. Upon completion the workforce will be expanded from a present 25 to an estimated 300.

The Agri-Business will be the backbone in the establishment of Tribally operated cooperative food stores. These stores will enable Tribal members to buy food products at wholesale prices or less. Since they will be Tribally owned, sales tax on these goods will be eliminated. The cooperative food stores will reduce a family's food bill at today's prices by at least 40 percent.



Facilities Management

Facilities Management staff: (front row, l to r) Jack Smith, Annette Kemp, Angel Jack, Vickie Alford, Legus Lowe (second row) Jimmy Jack, Elmer Jack, Joe Tom Lincoln, Marsey Harjo, Harvey Buckley, Jacob Monday, Bill Harjo, Archie Holalka.



Indian Action Program (IAP)

Indian Action Program (IAP) staff: (L to R) John Collins, A. J. Tiger, Bobby McAfee, Jack Reddick, David McGirt, Rick Wolf (Not shown; Rocky Lee).



Economic Research & Development

Bobby McAfee, John Collins, Lonny Thoman, Gene Dunson, David McGirt and Jack Reddick

PHYSICAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE ADMINISTRATION

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

With the continual growth of buildings and personnel within the Creek Nation, responsibility of the Physical and Natural Resources Administration is growing right along with it.

Facilities Management is responsible for the assignment of office space, its preservation and routine maintenance. Along with two full time janitorial crews responsible for cleaning and basic maintenance, Facilities

Management also employs staff capable of remodeling and light construction.

In order to provide complete maintenance and preservation of all Creek Nation owned buildings in the future the Resource staff are looking into possibilities of developing their own solar or alternate energy sources.

The present staff consists of 25 employees with 12 positions open at entry level on their activity progress development plan.

INDIAN ACTION PROGRAM (IAP)

The Indian Action Program is made possible by a grant from the BIA and the Indian Technical Assistance Center, Denver Co. The primary purpose and goal of the program is to improve tribal agriculture operations through capital improvement projects and operational assistance. Projects which have been completed this past year range from the construction of hay storage barns, livestock

handling and working facilities on the Hanna sites to renovation and modification of dairy freestall barn headstalls at the Agri-Business site near Dustin. The operational assistance provided thus far has been very helpful to agriculture operations and has been primarily limited to the beef cattle operation in such areas as livestock disease control, maintenance, transportation and gathering.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The Creek Nation Comprehensive Planning Program has developed from its conception of five years ago to an extremely vital force in the development of many programs and activities within the Creek Nation.

The primary purpose of the Planning Department is to develop planning processes that provide tribal decision makers with accurate data and information, objective analysis, and evaluation of alternative courses of action. This scientific methodology is needed to supplement personal intuition and experience in order to achieve objectively in determining the greatest areas of needs and wants.

The activities of the Creek Nation Planning Department has followed the basic principles and fundamentals of planning through the years in order to establish a sound foundation from which the Creek Nation can recognize, develop and utilize its resources and the resources available to them.

By utilizing the basic information and documents prepared by the Com-

prehensive Planning Program, various departments of the Creek Nation have been able to develop valuable programs that address the needs of the Creek Nation.

The initial documents prepared as a result of the activities performed by the planning program include the Creek Nation Base Studies and the Creek Nation Census Survey.

The base studies is a comprehensive study of the Creek Nation consisting of a wealth of information. The document is a comprehensive inventory of the physical, social, and economic characteristics of the Creek Nation. Its content has been utilized by every department in the Creek Nation as a valuable information resource for program development and proposals. Included in the document is an inventory and analysis of a housing structure survey of Indian homes in the Creek Nation.

It should be noted that in any type of planning program, any benefits derived from such

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Comprehensive Planning

(Front left to right) Donald Washington, Draftsman; Captain Smith, Special Development Specialist; Clara Yuponco, Planning Aide; Gloria Pocowatchit, Secretary; Della Barnett, Clerk Typist; (Back row left to right); Bruce Harjo, Health Planner; Susie Anderson, Research Aide; Kenneth Tiger, Manager; Billie Dahl, Physical Planner II; Jon Craig, Manpower.

Planning Cont...

a procedure may not be realized prior to an extended period of time. This statement can now be realized because: the documented inventory and analysis of the housing structure survey conducted in FY-75 revealed the poor housing conditions in which some tribal members lived; but in 1979, based on the housing survey documentation, the planning department was able to obtain FY-78 Community Development Block Grant Funds from HUD to rehabilitate some of those homes in an effort to raise the standard of living of Creek Nation tribal members.

The Creek Nation Census Survey was necessitated by the lack of accurate and true social and economic characteristics of tribal members and Indians in the Creek Nation.

The statistics and indicators from the survey proved to portray an accurate picture of Indians in the Creek Nation. The BIA and other federal agencies have accepted the methodology and statistics as being a valid resource of the Creek Nation. Its use to other Creek Nation departments have been immeasurable in program planning and proposal writing.

Also developed in FY-76 by the planning department was the process for the reorganization of Indian orientation on the Creek Nation's history, the need for formal organization of Indian communities, the process for the organization of Indian communities and the need for a community plan for the purpose of development of the Indian community.

The community plan was a result of the planning process

of the Comprehensive Planning Program that included an actual survey of the community, data accumulation of that survey, analysis and a needs assessment of the community. As a result of the community development program, twenty-eight Creek Indian communities have been formally organized within the Creek Nation, seventeen communities have been surveyed, seven communities have completed a community plan and three communities have initiated economic community endeavors through the assistance of the Creek Nation Government. Creek Nation tribal members have taken an active interest in its tribal government once again and all the twenty-eight Creek communities are receiving service through the Creek Nation Government in addition to initiating its own projects and programs. This organizational process has created improved communications between tribal members at the grass roots level and the Creek Nation Government, and it has also resulted in the provisions of numerous jobs in these communities.

Within the last two years, the Comprehensive Planning Administration has had the responsibility for various other planning documents that would assist the tribal government. These other planning documents include: Land Purchase Policy, Agribusiness Plan, Agricultural Development Plan, Capital Improvements Policy, Health Planning and other Rights Protection. The present plans are to have these documents formally adopted by the tribal government. A mechanism for

public hearings and citizen input from the Indian communities has been included in these planning documents.

Land acquisition by the Creek Nation is a necessary endeavor to create a land base of sufficient size to support all the various activities conducive to efficient service delivery. In order to meet these needs, a Land Purchase Policy has been developed which established standards that must be met prior to acquisition of a parcel of land.

The Agribusiness Plan deals primarily with an agribusiness complex to be located five miles south of Dustin, Oklahoma, in Hughes County. This complex will serve as the hub for agricultural development and will provide much needed revenue and jobs for the tribal government and tribal implement the goals and objectives.

The Other Rights Protection Program has been developed within the last year to establish a rights protection emphasis for the assertion of the Creek Nation Water Rights.

In the construction area most of the EDA Projects are completed; construction on the Independent Agencies Building has been completed; construction on the Agribusiness Project has been completed; the Infrastructure Project (streets, sewer, stormdrains and water lines) is forth percent complete with the sewer and lift station being installed; and the Elderly Housing Project is approximately seventy-five percent complete as of June 15, 1975. Concrete deficiencies are presently being resolved on this project.

The Planning Administration also has received notification to submit

a final application to HUD for a \$203,000 Community Development Block Grant Program; also have received approval to submit a \$45,000 EDA technical assistance proposal for the Agribusiness Project plus the planning of a

training program of enormous magnitude at the project. Necessary programs related to the dairy, swine, beef, and sheep operations such as a food coop are presently being considered.

The Planning Department has been continually revising the Creek Nation Comprehensive Plan. The recommended Comprehensive Plan is presently being processed in the communities

for Creek Nation citizen's input. Formal adoption of the plan and its revisions will come forth this fiscal year. The Comprehensive Plan is direct result of the basic foundation laid by the Planning Department.

In the preparation of this plan three broad areas of activity are considered. These areas include activities which relate to the individual household, activities which are uniquely Muskogean and therefore, have a cultural aspect, and activities which relate to self-government.

The Comprehensive Planning Administration will continue to provide planning programs to meet the needs of the Creek Nation.

COMMUNITY SERVICES



Director of Community Services: Mark Downing.

The Division of Community Services has as its primary responsibility the improvement of the quality of daily life of the Indian population of the Creek Nation by providing health services, employment & training services, community based social assistance, and environmental health services.

Services currently provided are mobile clinic, full-time ambulance, community health workers, public service employment, general work ex-

perience, special employment for the elderly, classroom training (health professions, skilled labor, etc.), summer youth employment and sports clinics as well as community coordinators and community aides that provide local social assistance and information to their communities for such programs as emergency energy assistance, funeral expenses, welfare, and scholarship programs that are administered by the Creek Nation.

community

SOCIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

This administration originally was known to everybody as the Community Organization Center since the main objective in the past three years was to organize the Communities. After this period, we have 28 organized communities in the Creek Nation.

One of the largest projects undertaken in April, 1977 by the Creek Nation was the hiring of CETA Employees to mgsn the communities. The number of workers vary throughout the year in the communities with the greatest impact being during the summer when the youth are

assigned to work. The workers try to meet the many needs of their community members with the elderly members getting top priority as designated by Chief Cox.

Community Coordinators are assigned the task of supervising community workers, plus meeting the needs of the Creek Nation Administration. The other divisions of the Creek Nation rely on these coordinators to assist them in administering their programs to the communities and their members. Many times their work day exceeds eight hours as members may call upon them

for assistance.

The Garden Seed Program has been administered by this administration and the community coordinators. This past year, 1100 families through the Creek Nation received a variety of garden seeds and fertilizer. With the good rainy season we experienced, many of these families grew outstanding gardens. Some communities were able to can vegetables for some of their members. The overall Garden Seed Program was a big success for the Creek citizens.

With the high-cost of home fuel on the up-swing, the Creek Nation was able to assist approximately 450 families of

low-income with their utilities and food vouchers this past winter. With a grant from ANA Energy Conservation Program, this program was administered during the period of January 1979 to June 30, 1979. An estimated 85 percent of the citizens participating in this program were the elderly who are on a fixed income. This program was able to relieve a lot of them the burden of paying high utility bills.

Other activities planned were the Creek Nation Festival, Community and National Olympics, Princess Pageant, Elderly Dinner and to coordinate the tennis, golf and softball Tournaments. On Labor Day, the community coordinators and aides built a

brush arbor for a food stand at Henryetta so as to raise money for a Thanksgiving Dinner for the elderly of the community.

In November, the staff will expand to two Community Organization Technicians who will be able to work more closely with the communities they will be assigned after a short period of training.

With the addition of these two Technicians and the Arts & Crafts Program, Hepsey Gilroy and Thomasine Long, my other staff members are Betty Woodfield, Home & Family Aide and Emma "Nugie" Bruner, Secretary.

Our office is now located in the "Mound" where the Arts & Crafts program will be administered from along with the store.



Broken Arrow

(L to R) Chief Cox, Loucretia McIntosh, Connie Houx, Ruby McIntosh and Vice Chief McCombs.



Yardeka

(Front Row, L to R) Helen Walker, Josie Soweka, Mary Kelly (Coordinator), Cindy Bruner; (Back Row, L to R) Jacob Josie, Jacob Soweka and Steve Wilson.



Social Research Staff

Social Research and Development Staff: Betty Woodfield (L), Home and Family Aide; Steve Wilson (C), Manager; and Emma Bruner, Secretary.

COMMUNITY NEWS

EUFULA

THE Eufaula Indian Community will hold a dinner and food sale at the community building December 1, 1979, located at 703 Forest, in Eufaula the time will be from

10:00 a.m. till 7:00 p.m.

The community has also scheduled a yard and porch sale on November 24 thru December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the same address.

coordinators



Arts and Crafts

Hepsey Gilroy, instructor (R) and Thomasine Long, Secretary, display a few of the many beautiful items made by participants in the Creek Nation Arts and Crafts Program. The finished items are on sale at the "Mound".

On September 1, 1979, the Arts & Crafts program changed over to the Division of Community Services under the Department of Val Research and Development with funding for the staff and supplies coming from the Manpower program.

Hepsey Gilroy is the supervisor of the program coordinating the entire program from the Creek Nation to the organized communities. She orders supplies when needed and will monitor the program once classes start in the communities. Hepsey has worked for the Creek Nation since August, 1972 as an instructor in the various Arts & Crafts classes. She is a proficient teacher in these classes, but in her new capacity as a supervisor, she will use her knowledge of the various crafts to keep communities supplied with supplies and on a limited basis, she will instruct some classes.

In years past the Arts & Crafts classes have been upon

the request of communities over a first-come basis for a 9-week period. The major changes in the program will hopefully fit the needs of the communities and their members.

Communities can request more than one class and schedule it for the days or nights that would get more participation from their members. For example, some communities will set up their classes in the afternoon for some of their elderly and then have classes in the evening for those who can't make the afternoon classes.

The articles made by the members will be a one-for-one with the member getting one and the other article will go to the community.

An Arts & Crafts store will be set up in the office space of the Social Research & Development Administration, Arts & Crafts Department in the very near future! Communities will be able to sell their articles at this store, if they wish, at no cost to them.



Yeager

(Bottom Row, L to R), Chief Cox, Evelyn McGirt, Bonnie Johnson, Solomon McCombs; (Top Row, L to R) Glenn Herrod, Christine Isham, E dna Lowe.



Welcelka

(Bottom Row, L to R) Chief Cox, Myrtle Fraser, Lizzie Marshall, Ruby Johnson, S McCombs, (Top Row, L to R) Wesley Randell, Rainey Micco, Nellie Looney and Daniel West.



Wilson

(Bottom Row, L to R) Chief Cox, Lucille Bear, Emma Bailey, Brends Smith; (Top Row, L to R) Tom Berryhill, Anthony Delanne and Johnny Ramierz.

MORRIS

Morris Indian Community held its second annual Halloween Carnival at the Indian center on Wed. Oct. 31 with Doris Roanhorse as chairperson of the committee. The committee consisted of T. J. Wolf, Sarah Rash, Wanda Smith, Gene and Mary Roberts, Patty Wahnee, Albert and Rhonda Arsee and Millicent Nevaquaya. The Halloween carnival was a great success and we had a very good turnout and invite them back again next year. Our carnival consisted of a concession stand, and grab bags worked by Mahaley Jones and Bessie Nevaquaya and volunteers, wheel of fortune by Albert and Rhonda Arsee, basketball throw by Millicent Nevaquaya, and Wallace Barnes Jr. apple dunking by Patty Wahnee, and Mary Roberts Dart throw by T. J. Wolf and Gino Roanhorse, fish pond by Sarah Rash and Julie Rash, and cake walk by Gene Roberts and Keeper Johnson. We raised a total of \$134.00 for community funds from these booths.

We also had a costume contest for age groups 1 to 6, 7 to 12, and 13 to 100. The judges were Renbeen Whitlow and Otis Dunn. They had a tough time choosing the winners as we had quite a number of contestants for each age group. Altogether there were about 35 contestants. We had some real terrible looking "Honkas" to enter the contest plus some beauties. We would like to thank everyone for going all out for this contest and we hope to see you again next year when we hope to have an even better and bigger carnival. For ages 1 to 6 prizes were given to Ramona Rash-ugliest and P.K. Grummitt-prettiest, ages 7 to 12 were Morgan for ugliest and Marc Roberts for prettiest. Ages 13 to 100, Doris Roanhorse for ugliest and Gene Roberts for prettiest.

A dance contest also took place with Doris Roanhorse as MC and D. J. and Wanda Smith and Albert Arsee as judges. The contestants were: Gino Roanhorse and Millicent Nevaquaya, William Knight and Linda Roberts, Diane Lowe and Roger Johnson, and Anthony and Ramona Rash. It was a hard decision to make and William, Linda, Diana and Roger had to dance again before the judges could come to the final decision. The first place winners were William Knight and Linda Roberts. Second Place Diane Lowe and Roger Johnson. Consolation prizes were given to the last

two couples Gina Roanhorse and Millicent Nevaquaya and Anthony and Ramona Rash.

Everyone had a great time and the committee would like to say a special thanks to Chitto Johnson for donating his stereo. Tonya Kelly, Gina Roanhorse, Bear Johnson, Chitto Johnson and Brenda Jones for donating their strobe, disco, and black lights, Gina Roanhorse for donating his albums and everyone who donated cakes, popcorn balls, caramel apples, and all the goodies for their time and effort they made to help us make our second annual carnival a great success.

On Monday, October 26, the MIC had a food sale at the Complex and raised around \$180.00. We would like to say a special thanks to Susie Monday for the time and energy she spends to help us out even tho she is one of our elderly members.

COWETA

Coweta Indian community - the Creek Nation Housing Authority has started constructing 16 homes on North Ave. B and Danton. The area is within the city limits and will be on city water and sewer.

Kenneth Childers will be running for Wagoner County Representative.

FIRST AMERICAN CLUB

The Club of the First Americans of Okmulgee High School sponsored a chili and bean luncheon at the Creek Nation Complex on 10-19-79. They have joined the fund raising drive for a new track for their school. They plan to hold another luncheon on 11-16-79 at the Creek Nation Complex and also will be selling chances on a squash blossom necklace, which will be given away in December.

They are requesting the help of all communities in Creek Nation to help them sell these chances as all funds will go toward the building of the track at Harmon Stadium at Okmulgee High School. Creek Nation Olympics are held at Harmon Stadium each year and Mr. Dan Sulivant, head football coach, has been very helpful in working with the Creek Nation Olympics.

The officers of the Club of the First Americans are Pedro Gomez, president; Sandra Pigeon, vice-president; and Patricia Thomas, secretary.



Nugaka

(L to R) Chief Cox, Stella Roberts, Lucinda Factor, Sarah Hicks and Vice Chief McCombs.



Twin Hills

(L to R) Lyman Bruner, Gladys Baker, Brenda Bruner and Steve Wilson.



Casile

(Front Row, L to R) Chief Cox, Jonah Sands, Amos Harhochee; (Back Row, L to R) Nook Gramer, Leon Watson, John Johnson, and Solomon McCombs.



Checotah

(L to R) Chief Cox, Ira Kauley, Franklin Belcher, Gary Walker, Buddy Manley and Solomon McCombs.



Welunka

(L to R) J. D. Roberts, Linda Fish, Minnie Poole (Coordinator), Wilma Coachman, and Margaret Harjo.



Okmulgee

(Bottom Row, L to R) Rebecca Autaubo (Coordinator), Juanita Checotah, Eliza Berryhill, Sharon Chalakee; (Top Row, L to R) Guy Long, Robert Kahbeah, Joe McNac.

OKMULGEE

Our Monthly meeting was held October 8, and 47 members attended. New Officers were elected: Chairperson; Cora Derrisaw, Vice Chairperson; Chiquita Juneau, Secretary; Jody Bemo, Treasurer; Thelma Harjo.

Twenty Six Charter Members were honored at this meeting and Certificates were awarded to: Mabel Hill, Lillian Washington, Mary Jones, Nevada Simmers, Martha Chalakee, Webster Chalakee, Linda Chisholm, Anita Tecumseh, Margaret Freeman, Cora Derrisaw, Rebecca Autaubo, Priscilla Kahbeah, Lawrence Kahbeah, George Autaubo, Sally Goodvoice, Jess Freeman, Chiquita Juneau, Bernice Hale, Norma Bible, Chief Claude Cox, Lillie Cox, and Steve Wilson. Refreshments were served after the meeting. Speakers were Chief Cox, Steve Wilson, Togo Berryhill and Linda Cusher.

The Community has decided to continue on with the Macrame and Leathercraft classes, which will start Tuesday, October 23.

Our next Community meeting will be held at the Complex on November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Senior Citizens of Okmulgee had their meeting Sept. 27 at Newtown Methodist Church. Those present were: Mahala

Chalakee, Annie McIntosh, Elizabeth Harjo, Peggy King, Augusta Kepley, Nevada Simmers, Cora Derrisaw, Sarah Simmers, Togo Berryhill, Lilly Berryhill, Harmon and Reville Grimes, Margaret Freeman, Jess Freeman and Martin Checotah. Others present were: Juanita Checotah, Priscilla Kahbeah, Guy Long, Robert Kahbeah, Eliza Berryhill and Rebecca Autaubo. Plans were made to have birthday celebrations each month for Senior Citizens. The next Senior Citizens meeting will be held October 25th at 10 a.m. at Newtown Church.

DUCK CREEK

The Duck Creek Community had a dinner for R. B. Sanders, sponsor of the Roofers Inc. Softball team. The dinner was held at Grace Slinker's home. There was plenty of food to eat.

The Roofers Inc. team gave R. B. Sanders a nice trophy with all of the players names on it. He also received several other gifts. Everyone had a nice time.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Happy Holiday Season.

On Saturday, October 20, members of our Softball Team better known as Roofers, Inc., held a dinner in honor of our sponsor in appreciation for all the help contributed to the ball team. Members presented a trophy with all the players names listed and several other Indian gifts to Mr. R. B. Sanders. Team was coached by Virgil Harry.

On Friday, October 26, A Halloween Masquerade Party was held for the adults at Duck Creek. Most of the community members attended with their masks. Top Prize for best dressed costume went to Mr. Wilson Deere. We had lots of fun, lots of laughs, pitched some horse shoes, played volley ball, lots of snacks, thanks to Colleen Williams and Melba Skeeter.

On Wednesday, October 31, a Wiener Roast was held for our children at Duck Creek and many of the parents came too. We had approximately 30 kids attending and almost as many parents. The kids were dressed in their costumes, roasted wieners, bobbed apples, ran races, played volley ball, collected trick or treat bags fixed for all children and were brave enough to go through the spook house fixed

CASTLE

The Castle Community held their monthly meeting on Oct. 4, and elected new officers for the next year. They elected Earnestine Henneha as chairman, Vice-Chairman Nettie Coachman, secretary Eliza Wind, treasurer Bertha Sands, and reporter Elnora Herrod. Also decided to have another meeting on November 1, at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the new community center which is located 4 miles west of Okemah on Highway 56 and 1 1/4 miles north on highway 48.

The coordinator and aides are now cutting wood for the members.

We also had some children from the community who won medals for the 4-H club in different categories. Brian Sands, Hand Craft - Bruce Sands, - Food Nutrition, Marla Beaver- Home Management, Rebecca Beaver - Dress Revue and Pageant show - Rhonda Kay Johnson.

Clarence Tiger Jr. grandson of Melissa Tiger was married to Lucy Linsey on October 27 at 3:00 p.m. The wedding was held at Melissa's home.



Bigham

(Bottom Row, L to R) Chief Cox, E Louise Scott, Frances Daniels, Solomon McCombs;
(Top Row, L to R) Frank Dixon, Morris Harjo and Gilbert Fixaco.



Glenpool

(L to R) Chief Cox, Charlene Watashe, Velva Stout, JoAnn Bible, Solomon McCombs.



Estuato

(L to R) Chief Cox, Lorene Burris, Mae Turner, Betty Derrisaw, Mitchell Tiger, Patty Marshall, Nathaniel Grayson and Solomon McCombs.

KELLYVILLE

The Kellyville community held their Halloween party

Friday Oct. 26th. Everyone enjoyed an evening of fun and games including a spook house and refreshments of hotdogs, chips and Kool-aid. Those present were Mr. & Mrs. Jim Watashe, Sally Hompton & Christy, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Dunn, Lola Hardridge, Annie Hardridge, Flossy Armstrong, Linda, Cindy, Steven, and Scotty Watkins, Barbara, Michael, and Angela Killingsworth, Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Toppah, Terry, and Carol, Sherry and Michael Tiger, Bette Fox, Beatrice, Eddie, and Linda Buckley, Bill Harris, Daisy Harris, Martha Joe Burris, Pam Cargill, Curtis, Joyce, Melissa, and Kenneth Johnson, Martha Louise Dunn

and Bobby Brown.

The Senior Citizens held their monthly birthday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dunn on Oct. 31st. After dinner they drew names for their Christmas party. Those present were Lola Hardridge, Eva Barnett, Daisy Harris, Andy Haggi, Foster Cahwee, Mr. and Mrs. John Snow, and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Cahwee.

They are looking forward to the Thanksgiving dinner in Henryetta and their Christmas party to be held Dec. 12th at the home of the Community Coordinator.

The Kellyville workers are busy cutting wood now. The community aides are Martha Dunn, James Felix, Bobby Brown, Lucy Watashe, and coordinator Beatrice Buckley.



Depew



Sapulpa

(L to R) Chief Cox, Coordinator Jerry Kinsey



Dewar

(Top Row, L to R) Connie Lowe, Verlayne Hicks, Island Dunzy, Wynona Evans;
(Front Row, L to R) Chiel Cox, Kathy Brown, Bonita Williams and Solomon McCombs.



Okemah

(Top row) Newton Fixaco and James Humble (bottom row) Lucinda Harjo and Alice Watson.



Oakhurst

(L to R) Emma Alexander, Steve Wilson, and Zonatee Gurewald (Coordinator).



Okfuskee

(Top Row, L to R) Molly Harjocee, Curtis Fixaco, Rita Hicks; (Bottom Row, L to R) Chiel Cox, Ina Hicks, Solomon McCombs.



Garden Seed Program

Nevada Simmers displays vegetables that she canned from her garden as a result of the Garden Seed Program provided by the Social Research and Development Program.

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Bristow

(L to R) Chief Cox, E lwood Bigpond, Barbara McCall and Solomon McCombs.



Gypsy

(L to R) Chief Cox, Hazel Jones, Tema Tiger (Coordinator), Alice Wheeler and Solomon McCombs. (Not Shown: Amy Yargee).



Kellyville

(L to R) Chief Cox, Ruth Dunn, Bea Buckley, Bobbie Brown, Solomon McCombs.

GYPSY

These are the two oldest members in our community. Pictured here is Wysena Bucktrot age 87, and his sister Sagie Bucktrot Crosby age 77. The Gypsy community wants to welcome back Mrs. Crosby. She was born and raised here but left for California in 1949. She recently returned here about a month ago. She is full blood Euchee and still speaks the Euchee language as good as the day she left here. Although she is blind now she still has a sense of humor. When asked "did you ever shake turtle shells her answer was "I was the champ" we of the Gypsy Community wish her a long happy life.

During the Seminole Nation day at Seminole Mission in Sept. Our coordinator Tema Tiger competed in the archery contest and won the 1st place trophy in class B.

We have taken our kids on two trips in the past two weeks, the first was to Bell's Amusement Park and the second was to the Ice Capades in Tulsa. They enjoyed the

trips very much. Those that went were Lester Bucktrot, Arlene Bucktrot, Sharon Jones, Kaye Edminson, Dwight Bucktrot, Robbie Bucktrot, Gary Bucktrot, Stella Tiger, and Pamela Yargee.

Our coordinator and aide recently attended a three day Seminar at Fountain Head Lodge.

We have been painting houses, and cutting grass. We plan to start cutting wood as soon as we can.

We recently held a bingo for the community to help with expenses such as lawnmower repairs and gas expenses, etc. We plan to have it at least once a month.

Our coordinator and aides have all taken their annual leaves and are all back to work. We hope to have another good year with the program.

We want to thank the coordinator and the community aides who worked and took part in the fund raising at Henryetta during the labor day celebration, also our community members



GYPSY COMMUNITY: Sagie B. Grosby and Wysema Bucktrot

Duck Creek Conl...

up by Colleen Williams and assisted by Roger Bell, Joe Watashe, Virgil Wayne Harry, and Lenny Joe McNac. Even though the temperature was way down, we stayed close by the fire and enjoyed watching the kids having a good time. Our special thanks to Melba

Skeeter for helping make this possible.

All three of the above events were held at the Coordinators house.

A Beading and Suede Leather class for our community will be starting November 7th, 6 p.m. at Grace Slinkers House.



COWETA

(L to R) Chief Cox, Tom Marshall and Solomon McCombs.



Dustin

(L to R) Dennis Pigeon, Edmond Barnett (Coordinator), David Pigeon and Steve Wilson.



Morris

(L to R) Chief Cox, George Dunn, Johnson Tarpalechee, Josephine Dunn, Bessie Nevaquaya.



Community Services Administration Staff

Administrative staff for Division of Community Services (L to R) Buddy York, Manager of Employment and Training; Dan Chamberlain, Manager of Health Services; Mark Downing, Director of Community Services; Steve Wilson, Manager of Social Research and Development; Sam Whitlow, Manager of Environmental Services.

HEALTH SERVICES

The purpose of this program is to develop, establish and operate a comprehensive community health program which will provide community health services to the Indian

populace in the service area of the Creek Nation. The program is also concerned with conducting site visits to Indian households to evaluate the welfare-health needs of Indian people so that referrals-follow-ups can be provided and the

delivery of health care can be implemented. An added purpose is to allow the tribe to become more involved in servicing its citizens by developing human resources specialized in health care delivery systems.



Health Services Staff

Health Services Administration staff: (L to R) Evelyn Parker, supervisor for Outreach and Education; Joanna Thomas, Audiometric technician; Bernice Hale, Secretary; Vicki Watashe, Secretary for Health Claims; Brenda Craige, Radio Dispatcher; Helen Coon, Maternal and Child Care; Jerry Quinton, Technician.



Creek Nation Ambulance Staff

Creek Nation Ambulance staff: (L to R) Vicky Payne, Keith Scott, Casey McIntosh, Glenda Scott, Joe Ray Barnett, Harley Revis.

HEALTH FIELD REPRESENTATIVES

What health services are available to me and where do I go to receive them? These are some of the questions that are often asked by our Indian people.

For this reason the Creek Nation Community health services employ the services of the Creek Nation Health Field Representatives (H.F.R.).

THE HFR are the link between you, the Indian people and the services and aids that are available to you.

The HFR can provide these services: 1. Make home visits and record health problems existing in the community. (1) Such information will be relayed to the proper authorities. (2) Emphasize functions of HFR program in their communities. (3) Make referrals and provide patient care for the Indian people. (4) Explain the rules governing the I.H.S. relating to the care of the Indian people. (5) Take your blood pressure and temperature. (one of the first signs of many illnesses). (6) Check your weight. (7) Furnish emergency first aid, if necessary, to a patient until he can be taken to the I.H.S. or other facility. (8) Assist with services of the Creek Nation

Ambulance. (9) Inform Indian people of the help and services to which they are entitled. (10) Advise Indian people whom to contact for health problems (AA, Diabetes, Otitis Media, M.C.H., etc.) (11) Help you locate transportation to the doctor or hospital. (12) Assist with services of Creek Nation Mobile Clinic.



The H.F.R. cannot provide the following services: 1. Transportation for you to the doctor or hospital unless it is a bonafide emergency or unusual circumstance. 2. Prescribe medication. 3. Take blood test. 4. Give injections. 5. Diagnose illnesses. 6. Admit a patient to the hospital. 7. Take your child to the hospital unless accompanied by a parent and or guardian. REMEMBER: If you are 1/4 Indian and living within the Creek Nation please use the H.F.R.'s and cooperate with them in their efforts to improve the health of you and your family.

CREEK NATION AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Creek Nation ambulance service provides seven days a week, 24-hour service.

According to Jerry Quinton, state trained Emergency Medical Technician, if a person residing within the Creek Nation is one-quarter Indian or more (including dependents) and has a critical or emergency need for medical transportation, that person should follow several important steps to receive the ambulance service free of charge. 1) Call (918-756-8707) and ask for the ambulance. 2) Give the accurate location of the patient and a telephone number where additional information about the patient

can be obtained. Be sure not to end the telephone conversation before giving this important information. 3) Relate the medical condition of the person requesting the service and the hospital or medical facility where the person will be transported. 4) Be ready to show proof of Indian blood or dependency.

If the patient is in dangerously critical condition and the ambulance is unavailable or unable to reach the location in time (i.e. the ambulance is in Broken Arrow and the patient is in Yeager), a telephone number for a closer ambulance service will be given to the caller.

CREEK NATION MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC

The Creek Nation Mobile Health Clinic is one of the more recently introduced modern health facilities of the Creek Nation Community health services.

The thirty foot, self-contained mobile unit was the first of its kind to be operated by an Indian tribe in Oklahoma.

Set up on weekly schedule the Mobile Clinic makes its rounds to centrally located

sites within the Indian communities in the Creek Nation.

The Mobile Clinic is staffed by a Physicians assistant (P.A.), a licensed Practical Nurse, a registered nurse, and an Emergency Medical Technician.

The Physicians Assistant, who is the chief medical advisor for the clinic, is capable of examining patients,

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Creek Nation Mobile Clinic

The Creek Nation Mobile Clinic provides health care to Indian communities living within Creek Nation. Before the use of the mobile clinic, many Indians would have to drive 100 miles round trip to the nearest Indian health facility.



Mobile Clinic Staff

Creek Nation Mobile Clinic staff: (L to R) Ed Frank (driver), Trudy Frank (R.N.) Betsy Proctor (LPN), Charles Holmes (Physician Assistant).



Health Field Representative Staff

Health Field Representatives: (seated) Lana Tiger, Ethel Wyatt, Evelyn Parker; Christine Burgess (Top Row) Leatrice Marshall, Lona Scott, Kathryn Fish, Jane Cantro, Jeanetta Sumka. ((Not shown: Judy Tiger, Chiquita Juneau, Louise Watson, Ruby Little Bear, Mary Hobia, Dorothy Holata).

(Mobile Clinic Cont.)

diagnosing illnesses and prescribing treatment.

Through the use of a radio telephone communication system in the mobile unit the Physician's Assistant can at any time be in contact with the other community health services and the Creek Nation Community Hospital at Okemah. If more extensive examination or treatment is needed the P.A. will refer the patient to another health facility.

Among the medical equipment aboard the clinic are a heart monitor, an x-ray unit, and basic laboratory equipment. With the E.M.T.

and P.A. trained to do the necessary lab procedures and x-ray development most of the lab work can be performed at the mobile clinic site.

In compliance with Creek Nation regulations, Indians of ¼ blood or more will be served by the mobile clinic. A certificate of degree of Indian blood will facilitate out-patient acceptance. "Primary out-patient health care on a routine schedule basis is the objective of the mobile clinic"

Indian people living within the Creek Nation, who previously had to drive up to 100 miles round trip to one of the existing Indian health care facilities, can now receive basic health care relatively



Okemah Indian Health Clinic

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Muskogee Manpower

Muskogee Manpower staff: (L to R) Robert Park, Supervisor; Debbie Guthrie, Jackie Sanders, Mike Phillips.



Okemah Manpower

Okemah Manpower staff: (L to R) Marie Berryhill, Mona Nimawy, Mary Smith, Fredo Anderson (Supervisor), Norman Harjo.



Eufaula Manpower

Eufaula Manpower staff: (L to R) Pat Sloan, Rosemary Jennings, Vicki Nixon, Gary Bledsow, Perry Anderson, (Supervisor).



Sapulpa Manpower

Sapulpa Manpower staff: (L to R) Vicki McCombs, Lou Clud Dwight Pickering, (Supervisor), John Bigpond, Maxine Watashe.

MANPOWER

On-the-Job Training is only one of the vital programs offered by the Creek Nation Employment and Training Services. New trainees are now being negotiated for the Fiscal Year '80 and could ultimately employ 25 Indians. All job classifications command a wage equal to that of an entry level employee not enrolled in the training program. The end result of this program is permanent employment upon satisfactory completion of the designated training period.

Buddy York, Manager of Employment and Training (CETA) serving the Creek Nation, announces five locations to assist Indian people in obtaining employment or training. Contact one of the following offices nearest you for information or filing an application:

hbpckse Nation has five locations to serve Indian people in obtaining employment or training. Okmulgee-Creek Tribal Complex, Hiway 75 at loop 56 Phone: 918-756-8700; Okemah 412 W. Broadway, Phone: 918-623-1147; Sapulpa 520 S. Adams, Phone: 918-224-0044; Eufaula 702 Forest, Phone: 918-689-5651; Muskogee 1320 N. Mill, Phone: 918-623-0195.

Eligibility Requirements: If you are: 1) At least 1/4 Indian blood. 2) A resident of the Creek Nation service area. 3) Economically disadvantaged. 4) Unemployed.

Employment and Training provides four major program

activities as follows: 1. Public Service Employment (PSE) provides the public with needed services and enables the participant to gain valuable working experience while directly affecting the unemployment level. 2. Work Experience is a short-term and/or part-time employment activity with a public or private non-profit employer. This helps prepare the participant to obtain unsubsidized employment. 3. Classroom Training is conducted in an institutional setting designed to provide participants with the technical skills and information required to perform a specific job. Length of training is not less than two weeks or more than 104 weeks. 4. On-The-Job Training is with an employer for a specific job and receiving a salary while learning. Satisfactory completion of the training period leads to permanent employment. Contracts presently in negotiation are: Redman Coal Company, Morris, Oklahoma; Lindsey's Fiberglass Repair; Brewer Communications, Radio Station KLLS; Tru Discountmcery, Sapulpa; Roger's IGA, Henryetta; Charles D. Cashman, DDS, Holdenville; John F. Russell, D.O., Bixby; Dave Smith Cable Co., Okmulgee; Galaxy Steel Co., Checotah; McIntosh County Democrat, Checotah. For further information and application, contact the Employment and Training Office located in your area.



Employment and Training Services Staff

(L to R) Mary Moses, Phylis Warnock, Rubeen Whitlow, Buddy Ynrk (Manger), and Joyce Bowdler

Economic Impact Of Tribes Proven By Indian Study

In a study conducted on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma, The INDIAN RIGHTS ASSOCIATION studied the flow of funds and the effect of that money on the local economy.

In 1977, the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes brought in nearly \$18 million: \$11.5 million in federal contracts and grants, \$5 million from trust leases of oil, gas, grazing and farming rights, and the other from state, local and private sources of funds.

The study defined 'leakages' as salary deductions for taxes, purchases of out-of-area goods and services, and savings. These leakages totaled about \$5 million, leaving about \$13 million in the eight county area for direct retail spending. This \$13 million was defined as "first round" spending.

The amount of money spent in this first round led to a chain reaction of spending, and increased so that the "second round" spending totaled almost \$16 million. In other words, the the original money spent caused 1 1/4 times that amount to be spent thereafter.

State welfare payments totaled only \$1.3 million, or

less than \$240 per tribal member. This cost state taxpayers 33 cents each, of which 11 cents was state share and 22 cents federal share.

Tax exemptions on income from trust lands totaled just over \$1 million, and the share of local school tax exemptions was therefore a loss of \$102,418. This was more than compensated for by \$549,670 in federal school aid through Title IV, Impact Aid, and Johnson O'Malley funds. In other words, the school systems received more than five times the funds lost because of tax exemptions.

U.S. taxpayers pay an average of \$3.23 for federal programs serving Indian people, and the tribal programs spent an average of \$30.66 per person within that reservation. This amounts to a 950 percent return on local taxes paid.

While identical statistics for the Creek Nation have not been compiled, the situations must be very similar if not identical. Tribal programs are having an immense impact upon both the Indian and, indirectly, the non-Indian residents of our reservations.



Environmental Services

Environmental Health staff: James Eloyd, Health Technician; Amos Lowe, carpenter; Benjamin Hill, carpenter helper; Tony Lowe, electrician; Donnie Dunzy, plumber; Edmond Barnett, carpenter helper; Dianna Billie, secretary; Sam Proctor, carpenter; Nathan Toney, carpenter; Sam Whitlow, acting manager.



Edmond Bartlett (L) and Donnie Dunzy (R) weatherizing James Watashe's house for the Environmental Services Kellyville project.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Within the Division of Community Services is the Environmental Services Administration. The main objective of this department is to eliminate environmental health hazards within the Creek Nation. Services available from this department includes; carpentry, plumbing and electrical labor. Staffed by six tradesmen, an environmental health technician and an environmental health

analyst, this department operates from an office located at 1110 E. Eufrata St. in Okmulgee.

Currently this department is operating under a grant from the Administration for Native Americans to provide weatherization services to 105 homes this year within the Creek nation. The elderly, handicapped, low-income families, receive top priority under this grant. Statistics

show 58 percent of low-income households have no insulation, storm doors, or storm windows—factors which increase the amount of home fuel use required to maintain health and comfort.

These problems are particularly acute for senior citizens, who live on fixed incomes and comprise a substantial proportion of the low-income population. A large number of low-income families are spending 40-50 percent of their budget on fuel and utility costs during the heating season. This affects low-income family's ability to pay for other essentials such as food, house payments, and clothing which account for other virtually all of the remaining income after utilities are paid.

The services provided under the Creek Nation Weatherization Program includes; caulking and glazing of windows, insulating walls and attics, and installing storm doors and windows. These services help stop the loss of heat from a home and the influx of cold into the home, thus lowering utility costs.

under the Creek Nation Weatherization Program, 75 percent of the approved applicants are elderly, with near or below the low-income level. Utility costs consumed about 40 percent of their annual income.

Although the grant is for only one year, this being the first year that this region of the country has been funded, Creek Nation hopes funding will be available next year for this program which is very beneficial to its recipients.

Those interested in this program should contact the Community Coordinator or CHR worker in their community for more information.



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Human Development Staff

Division of Human Development Staff: (Back row, L to R) Ester Holloway, Special Experience Program Manager; Dan Burgess, Higher Education; Jack Reddick, Indian Action Program Manager (Now under Tribal Affairs); Kenneth Grimes, Child Find Survey; (Front row, L to R) Geri Berrhyll, Headstart Program Director; Susie Stewart, Adult Education Manager) and Pat Wahnee, Director of Human Development.



Higher Education

(L to R) Martha Shaw, Pat Morgan, Dan Burgess and Charles Colbert.



Adult Education

Mae Wilson, Adult Education Instructor (L) helps one of her students toward a high school diploma (GED) during a class held at Okemah.

Human Development, one of the three main program divisions of the Creek Nation, was created in order to provide educational services to the Indian people and their communities that are located within the eight-county Creek Nation boundaries.

Using education as its major tool, the Division of Human Development offers services thru programs in general and advanced education, vocational and technical programs, and studies in Creek History, Language and culture.

By taking advantage of these available educational services Indian citizens may increase their vocational

opportunities by increasing their level of knowledge and skill, thus making our Indian citizens more efficient employees in either private industry of industry operated by the Creek Nation.

A unique feature, as with all programs operated by the Creek Nation is the attempt to reflect the Creek Indian culture throughout the educational system.

Throughout the years the Creek people have come to realize that education is the key to better employment, housing, and the general welfare of our tribal members. While at the same time holding on to our Creek Heritage.

SPECIAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

The Special Education Experiences Program (funded by BIA), a branch of the Division of Human Development, sponsored a youth program for the Indian Youth, ages 10-20.

A few of many activities held during the past year that were a part of Special Education program were the Creek Nation Community and National Olympics, the OSU Dance and Sport Clinic, and girls and boys basketball clinic, and numerous Cultural and fun trips.

The program serves Indian youth living within the twenty-eight organized Creek communities.

The goal of the program was to give the young people a chance to encounter positive educational experiences that will hopefully make a lasting impression on their outlook towards life and their philosophy of future goals.

Future plans for the Special Education Experience Program for the coming year include, setting up a community youth council, providing an art contest, Senior Day, Cultural trips, Career Development seminars, a Tribal Youth Government, and the Fourth National Creek Nation Olympics held in conjunction with the Creek Festival each year.

HIGH EDUCATION

The Creek Nation has contracted the Higher Education scholarship program from the Muskogee BIA Area Office for fiscal year '80. The program will be directed by Dan Burgess, Scholarship officer and the assistant scholarship officer will be Charles "Bo" Colbert. The secretary is Pat Morgan and clerk-typist is Martha Shaw.

The program will consist of scholarship for Creek students only who are of 1/4 or more

degree blood. The program is open to new students interested in some type of post-high training or college and also to Creek students presently in the program under the BIA. The program will

continue as is and will also be implementing new programs to supplement the present program. Interested students can call 756-8700, extension 276 or come in to the education dept. at the Creek Nation.

CHILD FIND SURVEY

The BIA-Child Find Survey shall be in operation from October 22, 1979 till December 28, 1979, with a total expenditure of \$4,684.31.

The purpose of the Child Find Survey is to locate all eligible native children, (between the ages of birth through twenty-one years regardless of the severity of their handicap) be identified,

located and evaluated according to Public Law 94-142, Subsection 121a.128.

A portion of these funds may be used to conduct an awareness campaign throughout the community in an attempt to make parents and other community members aware of the needs of handicapped children.



Eufaula Headstart

Eufaula Headstart staff: (front row) Pam Hall, Martha Armstrong (second row) Paulette Cummins, Janet Lee, Millie Colbert (third row) Sue Harper, Ricki Harjo, Jake Hill, Bunnie Killingworth.



Yeager Headstart

Yeager Headstart Staff: (first row) Geneva Larney, Mahaley Harjo, Josephine Harjo, (second row) Syl Smith, Betty Smith, Jane McKane, Pat Simpson (third row) Eliza Yargee, George Ann Williams, George Bruner, Roman Yahola.



Creek Language Staff

The Creek Language Development staff are now in the process of translating the complete Webster's dictionary into the Muscogee Creek language. On completion of the project the translated version will be copyrighted. The developmental staff are (L to R) Millie Yardy, Leona Colbert, Bunnie Soweka, Robert Soweka. (Not shown John Riley).

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Department of the Creek Nation provides GED and continuing education services throughout the Creek Nation.

During the last fiscal year a combined total of 1,600 people participated in the film presentations, typing, slim-nastics, Income tax assistance, homemaking, enrichment trips, and drivers education classes provided by the Adult

Education Department.

If you would like to participate in any of the before mentioned activities or like to have them provided in your community you may call Susie

Stewart, manager, or Mae Wilson, teacher, at 918-756-8700 or write Creek Nation Adult Education Dept., Box 1114, Okmulgee, OK 74447, for more information.

HEADSTART

The Creek Nation Headstart Program is beginning its second year of operation as a part of the Creek Nation Division of Human Development.

Centered around two learning centers located in Eufaula and Yeager the program offers classes four days a week for Indian children, ages 3 to 5, from low-income families.

Offering classes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. the program helps the students in developing an effective way of coping with the present environment and later with the responsibilities of school. The students encounter both individual and group learning experiences dealing with materials, supplies, and equipment provided to foster the child's development. Along with the basic educational activities the asset making the Creek nation Headstart Program so unique is its major emphasis on culturally related activities. Included in these culture experiences are the study of an some times participation in traditional Indian history, religion, music and games. The purpose of these culture experiences are to instill a sense of pride and identity among the students.

Besides the educational curriculum the program offers transportation to and from the centers, daily meals and complete medical and dental services.

Recruitment and pre-enrollment are scheduled during both the day and evening at each of the Headstart Center and also at each of community centers served by the programs. Each classroom will have a maximum of 20 children with applicant priority going to low-income and handicapped children. With enrollment going on throughout the school year period other applicants will be put on a waiting list to be enrolled as a slot become available.

Upon pre-enrollment parents are urged to bring the child's birth certificate, immunization record, family income verification, and certification degree of Indian blood.

Each center will begin classes September 11th. For more information, call the Eufaula Headstart Center (918) 689-5613, the Yeager Headstart Center (405) 379-6693, or Geri Berryhill (program Supervisor) (918) 756-8700, P. O. Box 1114, Okmulgee OK.



Eufaula Headstart Playtime



Yeager Headstart Graduation



Creek Nation Housing Authority

Housing Authority staff: (first row) Wanda Froman, Ester Hayden, Karen Long, Josephine Wilson, and Etta Connor (Assistant to the Chief) (second row) George Grayson, Karen Ryall, Ann Wells, Hanna Beaver, Darla Yocham, Chief Cox, Louis Fish (Deputy Director), and (Not shown: Ron Froman, Executive Director).



Okmulgee Housing Project

Housing project completed is a 55 unit addition in Okmulgee. This housing addition is a part of a project that includes addition in Wetumka, Glenpool, Holdenville, Dustin, Coweta, Mounds, and Okay. The unique purpose of this project is to provide homes to Indians who have no available land on which to have a home built.

Grant Provides Rehabilitation Of Dewar-Eufaula Homes

On October 30, 1979 the Creek Nation received notification from the Department of Housing and Urban Development confirming approval of a grant in the amount of \$203,000 for general administration, land acquisition, construction of community center, and rehabilitation of private properties.

The communities of Dewar and Eufaula were selected to participate in this program due to number of low and moderate income families and number of privately owned homes in need of repair. The land acquisition and construction of neighborhood facility has been programmed for the Dewar Community. The

Creek Nation rehabilitation of private properties will provide assistance to the Indian residents of the Eufaula Indian community. A total of twenty Indian homes will be able to receive assistance from this program.

The Community Development Block Grant Program for Fiscal year 1979 has received a release of funds on the rehabilitation of private properties portion of the project and actual work has been projected to begin on November 5, 1979.

At the present time, personnel are working in the Yardeka Community preparing cost estimates and ordering supplies for anticipated start up date.

Creek Elderly Housing Due December Completion

The Creek Nation Housing for the Elderly, located across the road from the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee, is nearing completion. The completion date for the housing units is anticipated at the end of December 1979, barring delay due to the weather.

Funding for the construction of the housing units was obtained from a loan through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The cost for this project amounted to \$2,178,700, which the Department of Comprehensive Planning Administration was able to secure from HUD.

The 100-housing unit complex will soon be available for rent to the elderly people. Occupancy for the housing units is pending on the completion of the project and final inspection.

Applications are accepted by Ms. Billie Sterner, at (918) 756-4423, who will also notify area residents as to the exact date when the housing units will be available for occupancy through the Muscogee Nation News and other forms of media.

The Creek Nation Foundation, Inc., will act as managing authority over this project.

Creek Nation Housing Authority

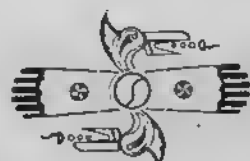
The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is experiencing a real boom in housing construction. The Housing Authority has 475 houses under construction throughout the Creek Nation. According to Ron Froman, Executive Director, "This is the most units that have been placed under contract at one time by any Indian Housing Authority in either Oklahoma or the United States."

Planning is underway on another 175 houses. Bid opening on 25 of those houses is scheduled for November 26, 1979. These units will be located in Sapulpa and in

keeping with Creek Nation policy, these units will be placed where the need is the greatest.

Tracts of house are now being built in Holdenville, Dustin, Wetumka, Okemah, Weleetka, Glenpool, Coweta, Mounds, Bristow and Okay.

Froman expects more housing will be available in the near future for Eufaula and the Tulsa area. Besides the above mentioned subdivisions, the housing Authority has 175 homes under construction on scattered sites. Persons desiring information on housing may call 918-756-8504.



INDIAN ACHIEVEMENT WEEK

In conjunction with Indian Achievement Week, a program was held at the Wetumka High School auditorium on October 16.

The program opened with the Lord's Prayer given in both English and Seminole-Creek by James Wesley and the Rev. J. D. Roberts. Emcee for the program was Steve Wilson, Director of Community Services for the Creek Nation. Claude Cox, Chief of the Creek Nation gave a welcome speech on Indian Achievement Week. Also present was Tom Palmer, Chief of the Seminole

Nation.

Several Princesses were present. They included Kathy Brown, Creek Nation Princess, Theresa Powell, the new Miss Seminole Nation, Nikki Peabworth, Little Miss Seminole Nation, and Dawn Marie Harjocee, Junior Miss Seminole Nation. Freda Jo Cully Tapedo, Miss Indian Oklahoma, also made an appearance.

Four Indian clubs throughout the area were represented. Twenty-five members from the Okmulgee Indian Club made up the largest group present. Other clubs

represented were Wewoka, Holdenville, and Seminole.

Following introduction of the Indian clubs, was a fashion show. A large variety of clothes from the Fife Collection of contemporary Indian Designs were modeled by Junior and High School girls. The Fife Collection, is a unique collection of ladies' contemporary Indian dress designed by Phyllis Fife and Sharon Fife Mouss of Henryetta.

Following was a style show by younger people of Central Grade School of Wetumka. Narrator for this was Beulah Bemo.

The music students of Mrs. Pauline Osborn sang Creek church songs. The group of children did a beautiful job of singing the songs in the Seminole-Creek language.

A piano recital was given by students of Mrs. Bertha Yahola, "The Singing Brook" was played by Ella Mae Hicks. "Indian Drum" was by Charlotte Fish, "Peace Pipe", by Kirsten Coech, and "Minuet in C" by Stacy Fish.

The bright light of the evening was a Fancy War Dance demonstration given by Delray Scott, the Creek Nation Junior

Champion. Delray has competed in and won many contests. Also performing a Fancy War Dance was Belinda Coley, the 8-year-old daughter of John Coley, of the Seminole Nation.

The former Miss Indian Oklahoma and Miss Seminole Nation, Molline Davis Beaver, closed the program with the Lord's Prayer given in Indian sign language. Following the prayer was a brief intermission. Fry bread was served to all the people prior to the dance held in the gymnasium which was given by the Creek Nation Dancers.

DENTAL HEALTH

A new dental program, sponsored by the Creek Nation, is expected to reduce dental decay in children by as much as 20-50 percent.

This exciting new program is aimed at children, grades kindergarten to sixth grade. It is the ultimate goal of this program to reach every Indian child within the boundaries of the Creek Nation. This includes Creek, Tulsa, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Okfuskee, Hughes and McIntosh counties.

According to Dr. John D. Levy, Indian Health Service Dentist, the fluoride mouth rinse program is a valuable tool in fighting tooth decay in children.

Dr. Levy stressed the importance of this program and the co-operation his staff has had from the Creek Nation



Regal 5th Graders

Leadership. "Chief Cox has placed a high priority on the dental health of his people." Working with the Community Health Representatives, headed by Evelyn Parker, the

new Dental Program is currently reaching approximately 1000 children and is expected to increase dramatically in the next twelve months.



Chief Cox & Barbara Scott



Regal 2nd Graders

OKLA. ALL-INDIAN RODEO ASSOC

The All-Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma (AIRAO) was organized in the Spring of 1975 at a meeting held in the Creek Nation Complex at Okmulgee. Officers elected were President Boh Arrington, Creek, Sapulpa; Vice President Mel Atury, Creek, Calvin; and Secretary-Treasurer Jo Fowler, Cherokee, Mounds. These officers were elected for two-year terms.

It was decided, all contesting cowboys and cowgirls would be 1/4 or more degree of Indian blood with proof. Membership dues were set at \$5. During the 1975 Creek Nation Festival, the first All Indian Rodeo in Oklahoma was held at Okmulgee. There were 195 contestants from 20 different tribes entered. Principal Chief Claude Cox put up the prize money.

In 1976 the Indian National Finals Commission was formed. Bob Arrington was elected to this Commission. There are eight different regions in the United States.

The Oklahoma Association is called Region 8. Every region sends two representatives in each of the seven major rodeo events to the Indian National Finals Rodeo. This makes 16 of the top Indian cowboys and

cowgirls contesting in their chosen events. The winners of these contests are declared the World Champion Indian Bareback Bronc Rider, Calf Roper, Saddle Bronc Rider, Steer Wrestler, Team Roper, Barrel Racer and Bull Rider.

The World All-Around Champion Indian Cowboy is determined by the most won in two or more events. The contestants that Oklahoma sends are the year-end winner and the winner of the Region 8 Finals. Oklahoma has produced the 1976 World Champion Steer-Wrestler, Jan Killough a Peioria Indian from Bluejacket. In 1977 the World All-Around Champion and World Champion Calf Roper was won by Jackie Foreman, a Cherokee from Bixby, and the

World Champion Bareback Bronc Ride was won by James Duffield, a Cherokee from Tahlequah. The 1978 World Champion Barrel Racer was won by Lesa DeRoin, Otoe-Missouria from Ponca City.

In the 1976 the AIRAO approved rodeos in Atoka, Anadarko, Okmulgee, Pawnee, Seminole, Stroud, Tahlequah and Dallas, Texas. In 1977 the AIRAO rodeos were held at Pawnee, Baxter Springs, Kansas, Okmulgee, Tahlequah, Fairland, Stroud, Siloam

Springs, Arkansas, and Stilwell. In 1978 - Pawnee, Baxter Springs, Kansas, Okmulgee, Tahlequah, Canton and Ft. Worth, Texas—the 1978 Region 8 Finals were held at Shawnee. In 1979 AIRAO approved rodeos at Okmulgee, three at Tahlequah, Stroud, Pawnee, Naloganey with the Region 8 Finals at Coweta.

The 1979-80 AIRAO officers and Board of Directors are President Bob Arrington, Creek, Sapulpa; Vice-President Ken Childers, Creek, Coweta;

Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Creek, Broken Arrow; Sgt-at-Arms W.J. Scott, Creek, Tulsa; Calf Roping Director Jack Foreman, Cherokee, Bixby; Bareback Bronc Riding Director James Duffield, Cherokee, Tahlequah; Team Roping Director Tony Maker, Osage, Hominy; Saddle Bronc Riding Director Don Osburn, Creek, Tahlequah; Steer Wrestling Director Kii Carrigan, Quapaw, Perkins; Barrel Racing Director Mary Williams Howry, Choctaw, Lockesburg, Arkansas; Bull Riding Director Winfred Going, Choctaw, Watson.


AIRAO has a membership of over 200 with dues for contestants at \$35.00 and non-contestants at \$10.00. Members are from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Kansas, Missouri, Florida, New Mexico, Arizona, Montana, Canada and Idaho. The Oklahoma Region 8 Finals were held October 20-21, 1979. There were 72 contestants from 17 tribes. Contestants representing AIRAO at the

Indian National Finals at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 21, 22, 23, and 24, 1979, are Bareback Bronc Riding—James Duffield (Cherokee-Tahlequah) and Tommy Osburn (Creek-Tahlequah), Calf Roping—Paul Lee Foreman (Cherokee-Barnsdall) and Hal Thomason (Choctaw-Wardville), Saddle Bronc Riding—Mel Williamson (Crow-Crow Agency, MT) and Happy Tiger (Creek-Osage - Fairfax), Barrel Racing—Lynn McGuire (Osage-Pawhuska) and Lesa DeRoin (Otoe-Missouria - Ponca City), Team Roping—John Barnett (Cherokee-Oaks) and Mack Barnett (Cherokee - Oaks); Paul Lee Foreman (Cherokee-Barnsdall) and Joel Maker (Osage-Hominy), Bull Riding—Matt Fowler (Cherokee - Tulsa) and Don Osburn (Creek-Tahlequah).

The AIRAO has progressed tremendously since 1975, made possible through the personal donation of Chief Cox for the first All-Indian rodeo prize money.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

VOTE DECEMBER 1

BY DAVID KING

This year has been very important to the Creek Tribe because of the significant changes concerning the operation of our tribal government.

Because of the adoption of the new Creek Constitution the Creek voters will go to the polls this December 1, and choose their representatives for the first elected Creek National Council in over 71 years. The last elected National Council was elected in 1903 and served their term til 1907 when the Federal Government abolished the tribes right to elect another council. Because of the Federal Government's need for someone with which to negotiate tribal business the president of the United States appointed a Creek Chief, rather than let the people elect their own.

Such was the case up until 1971 when the Creek Tribe, through the 1970 Five Tribes Act, elected their first Principal Chief since Pleasant Porter.

Now with the ratification

of the New Creek Constitution, along with the election of a Principal Chief, a Second Chief, and Representatives to the council, a governing body will once more be elected this December.

With this restructuring of our National Council the Federal Government will once again deal with the Creek Principal Chief who will be acting with our National Council that will be made up of the people of our choice. This means that a large part of voice in Tribal government will be returned to the people thru our power in voting.

'We as the Creek people now have a chance to help shape our destiny as a tribe by selecting a governing body that will best bring forth our ideals on government.

If we do not exercise our voting rights as Creek citizens the power given us through this Constitution will fall short of its potential for a democratic government. We've waited a long time for this election, I hope we will take advantage of it.



Okmulgee Indian Community

The original members of the Okmulgee Indian Community display their certificates of honor during their community's second anniversary. (Back row) Chiquita Juneau, Rebecca Autaubo, Lillian Washington, Pricilla Kahbeah, Norma Bible, Sally Good Voice, Bernice Hale, George Autaubo, Lawrence Kahbeah, Steve Wilson (front row) Navada Simmers, Mary Jones, Lilly Cox, Cora Deerisaw, Margaret Freeman and Chief Claude Cox.



Food Sale

CHR's served chili and stew on Friday, November 2, and a pancake breakfast was served on Friday, November 9. Proceeds from these sales will be used to prepare Christmas Food Baskets for needy families. We thank you for your support and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Guess Who?

Morris Halloween Carnival Adult 1st Prize Winners



Indian Health Service (IHS)

(First row, l to r) Joyce Noon, George Cook, Taylor Phillips, Alex Harjo, Andrew Fish; (second row) Alex Fish, James Gabbard (Director, J. B. Fish, Anderson Hale, Walter Lewis, Jenkins Hamilton (third row) Mose Scott, Lawrence Kahbeah, Neman Harjo, Bill Callahan, Tom King, Jr., Joseph Harjo, Henry Kaulaity, Jeremiah Lewis, (fourth row) Howard Scott, Smiley Barnett, Richard Randell, Daniel Coachman.



Bureau of Indian Affairs

Okmulgee Area Office of Bureau of Indian Affairs staff: (L to R, first row) Linda King, Jorene Coker, Kathy Wegley, Martha Shaw, Patsy Pigeon, Dale Maynard, Marvin Brotherton, Jackie Jackson; (Second Row) Kay Jarrard, Tina Burgess, Janice Wolfe, Paula Lowe, Linda Cusher, Josephine Thomas, Betty Walters, Cecil Payne, Kevin Sanders; (third row) Ernest Moore, John Deer, P. J. Workman, Harris Cully, Darrell Cordier, Leah Stacy and Harley Little (Superintendent). The BIA office is located at the Creek Complex in Okmulgee. Phone 756-3950.



IHS Dental Clinic

Dental Clinic staff; (L to R) Dr. Mongrain, Dr. Levy, E dna Perry (Dental Therapist), Sue Wildcat (Dental Therapist), Dana Slaughter (Dental Assistant), Barbara Scott (Dental Assistant).

Indian Health Program

The goal of the U. S. Public Health Service, Indian Health Program, is to help Indian people raise their health level. The United States Congress studied the problem of health in the Indian Community and decided to vote money to make it possible for the U. S. Public Health Service to cooperate with Indian families who are interested in protecting their health, by installing modern sanitation facilities in their home.

Just as in the case of the other programs supported by the Federal Government, the money comes from the federal taxes paid by people all over the United States. The Act which Congress passed to make it possible to carry out the Sanitation Facilities

Program is known as Public Law 86-121.

The Indian Health Service is not a part of the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Creek Tribe, or the Creek Nation Housing authority. The Indian Health Service is a separate part of the Federal Government. However, the IHS has a working agreement with the other agencies to assist them in inspecting their water supply, plumbing and waste disposal system.

The Indian Health Service office for this area located one mile north of Okmulgee, Hwy. 75 at the Creek Tribal Complex (metal building east of the main Complex). Any information regarding projects, please write to the address below or telephone this number (918) 756-8571.



Constitution Commission Staff

(L to R) Lois Simmers, Billie Counterman, Juanita Dunson, Gayla Waller, Cindy Thomas and Gracine Billy

Creek Nation Health Plan

On September 29, 1978, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation received a planning contract, number 246-78-C-6223, in the amount of \$29,989.00 from DHEW, USPHS, and IHS to develop the Tribal Specific Health Plan for the Creek Nation.

The Tribal Specific Health Plan is a comprehensive health care delivery plan developed by a tribe, or an inter-tribal government, and is aimed at meeting the health needs of all American Indians residing within their respective jurisdictions.

The time frame for the comprehensive health care delivery plan, developed by

the Comprehensive Planning Administration in accordance with IHS guidelines, covers the last four (4) years of a seven (7) years P.L. 94-437 program, the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, aimed at meeting the health needs of the Creek Nation. That time span will be October 1, 1980, through September 30, 1984.

The health plan is now available for review by the Indian population residing within the Creek Nation and can be looked over at the Creek Nation Comprehensive Planning Administration Office located at the Tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Creek Nation Community Hospital



Setting a precedence in the area of Indian Health and tribally operated Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah continues in its goal to provide adequate health care services to the people within the Creek Nation.

Serving the eight county Creek Nation area, the 39 bed hospital is the focal point of the entire Creek Nation Health system.

Creek Nation Community health care services working in coordination with the hospital include a 24 hour ambulance service, a mobile clinic, field health workers, and specialty health technicians, all serving the Creek people.

Now in its second year of operation the Creek Hospital is unique not only because it is the first tribally operated hospital but also because it

serves both Indians and non-Indians within the community.

Prior to the Creek Hospital the U. S. Indian Health Services operated all Indian Health Care facilities. Thru several years of planning and negotiating, along with the fact that the former Okfuskee Memorial Hospital, now CNCH, was not in operation at the time, and with aid from the passage of the Indian Self

Determination Act which gave the tribes more voice in the operation of all Indian services, the Creek Nation was the first tribe to operate its own hospital.

Improving each year in its day to day operation, hospital administrator, Don Jackson sees the facility not only as a well operated tribal hospital but also as a community hospital comparable in ser-

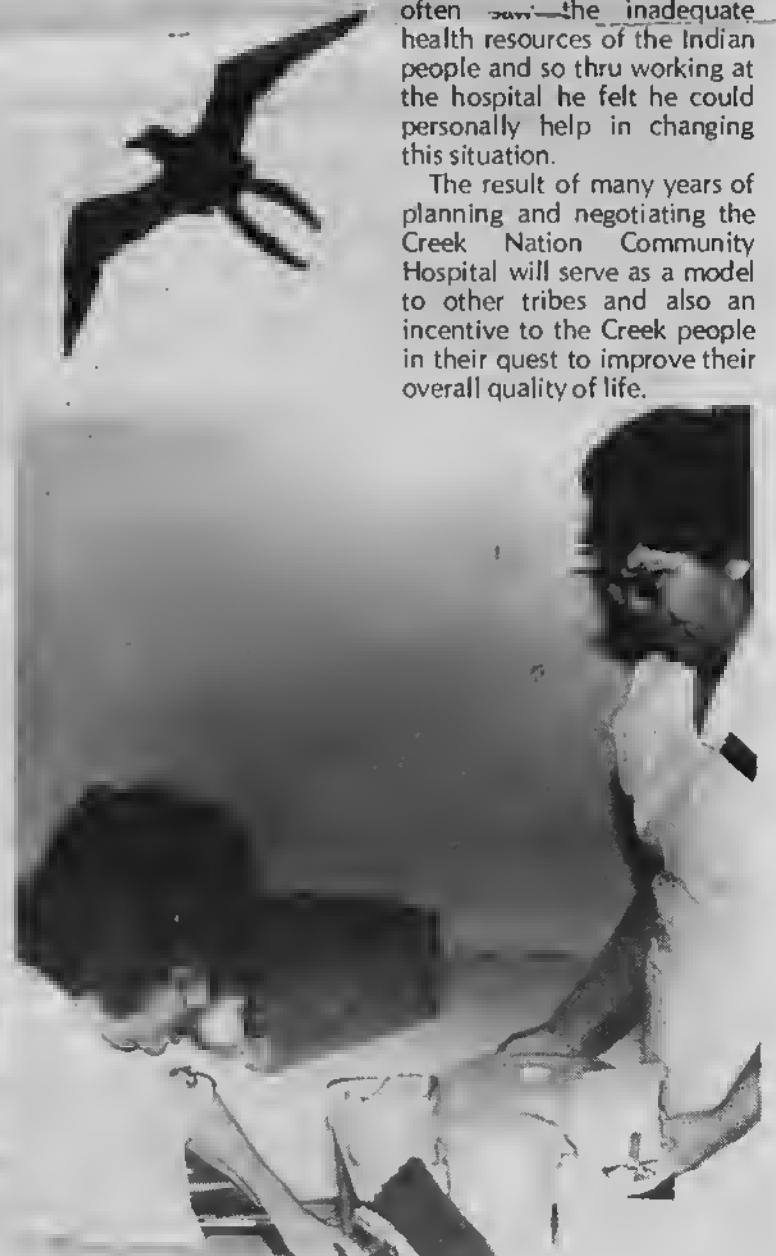
vices to any other hospital of the same size.

Staffed by three full-time physicians and a well trained and qualified nursing, technical, and administrative staff the Creek Hospital is capable of giving excellent emergency, diagnostic, and therapeutic medical care. Described by its own employees, many who have worked in other hospitals, as being very well equipped, the hospital has complete laboratory, pharmacy, x-ray, cardiac care, and respiratory therapy services.

Among the many advantages of a tribally owned hospital is the distinct advantage of being located in the Creek Nation, greatly reducing the amount of traveling by its patients to other IHS hospitals, and also the fact that the Board of Health Affairs, which governs the overall operation of the hospital are all selected members of the Creek Tribe.

Another advantage of the tribally owned hospital is its edge in recruiting Indian medical personnel which was a big factor in the hiring of Dr. Don Bowen, a Creek physician and graduate of Harvard Medical School. Being a native of the Creek Nation Dr. Bowen often saw the inadequate health resources of the Indian people and so thru working at the hospital he felt he could personally help in changing this situation.

The result of many years of planning and negotiating the Creek Nation Community Hospital will serve as a model to other tribes and also an incentive to the Creek people in their quest to improve their overall quality of life.



Non-Indians Eliminated From Tribal Rolls

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Adopts Constitution Non-Indian and Freedmen Eliminated from Tribal Rolls

In a history making election held Oct. 6 the Muscogee (Creek) Nation adopted its proposed constitution. With all votes totaled and with 3,590 tribal members voting, the Principal Chief and his administration prevailed in a close vote of "Yes" 1,896; "No" 1,694.

The Constitution is effective immediately. Election for Principal Chief, Second Chief and eight Representatives will take place December 1, of this year. This election will be held in compliance with a supreme Court ruling stating an election for Creek officials must be held within 60 days of the ratification of a new constitution.

Principal Chief Cox was pleased with the result. He stated "An elected National Council will meet in Okmulgee this winter; the first elected legislature our people have had in seventy-two years. Just as important, the Freedmen and other persons who are not Creek Indian by blood are eliminated from tribal membership and will not have a voice in the Creek Nation ever again."

"This constitution puts the true Indian in control of our government again. All tribal voters will have to be Creek Indian by blood. The descendants of the non-Indians on the U.S. Dawes Rolls are no longer members of the tribe," Chief Cox explained. "The Principal Chief, Second Chief and

Representatives to the National Council shall be required to be one-quarter or more Creek Indian by blood and live within the boundary of the creek Nations," he added.

The Constitution also provides for tribal courts; a step which Chief Cox feels is important for the sovereignty of the Muscogee people.. When the United States wanted to take our land,

they first closed our courts and then said our laws were no longer enforceable. By adopting this constitution, we have taken a big step to change that-to begin governing our nation again.



Creek Museum L to R Bruce Shackleford, (Museum Director), Margaret Freeman, (Curator), Janet Juneau.



Last Creek Nation Constitutional Election Held In 1903

Concharta election officials at the last Creek Election held in 1903 before dissolution of Creek Tribal Government by the United States Government. At this election, Pleasant Porter was re-elected to his second term as Principal Chief and

Montey Tiger was Second Chief. Pictured top row, left to right: John Bruner; David Anderson; Alex Tecumseh; Robert Anderson; Blufford Miller; Billie Bruner; Millie Bruner; Daniel Bruner. Bottom row, seated: left to right: Isom Peters; George Kelly (boy); Austin Anderson; and Captain F. B. Severs.

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Incumbents Lead Voting In Election

BY GEORGE TIGER

Incumbent Claude A. Cox leads the list of candidates as Creek Nation heads into a run off election January 5. Cox, who is seeking a third term as the Chief of the Creek Nation tallied 2477 votes in the primary election held recently. The run off developed as Keeper Johnson of Morris in his second attempt for Chief had 1336 votes.

In the election for Second Chief, Solomon McCombs finishes the primary election with a total of 2403 votes, while his runoff opponent James King ended up with 1336 votes.

Voting in the representative

election was able to determine only three winners. With the

new Creek Constitution calling for representation from eight districts on the National Council, only Okmulgee, Wagoner and Muskogee districts elected Glen Moore, Ken Childers and Helen Chupco, respectively.

Runoff election for Council representatives will be held for Creek, Hughes, McIntosh, Okfuskee, and Tulsa districts.

Registration has been reopened for tribal members who have not registered to vote. Registration will close 5:00 p.m. December 14.

(See ELECTION pg. 3)

Creeks React To Smear Tactic

BY HELEN BENNETT

Within days of the history-making December 1 election under the new Creek Constitution, Creeks were stunned by cowardly smear tactics aimed at Principal Chief Claude A. Cox. Illegal, unsigned smear letters were mailed to Creek voters in an attempt to discredit the achievements and character of Principal Chief Cox.

"The day before Thanksgiving", stated Chief Cox, "I started receiving calls from all over the United States from Creeks who were outraged that a candidate for the leadership of the Creek Nation would lower his campaign to such a level. Many concerned Creeks have mailed the illegal material and envelopes to me for delivery to Federal Authorities."

Federal Authorities are currently investigating the case which will lead to the prosecution of the guilty parties.

"In any political office," Chief Cox responded, "you

expect opposition. This is healthy for any government. It is my choice to run my campaign in a positive manner based upon the achievement we have all worked so hard for." Chief Cox stated that he felt the overwhelming majority of the Creek people resent underhanded tactics in any campaign. "The many people I have talked to in recent days are more excited about our progress as a people and the successes we have to look forward to in years to come," said Chief Cox.

Chief Cox was asked if he expected continued illegal opposition as the run-off for Principal Chief approached on January 5, 1980 and he remarked that we all must just wait and see. So will the Federal Authorities.

"I think we have all learned from this unfortunate episode in Creek politics," Chief Cox closed, "the people will make it clear on election day that any candidate who must stoop to illegal tactics is not a leader of the Creek people."



Creek Incumbents

Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox and Vice Chief Solomon McCombs congratulate each other for their wide spread margin of votes over their opponents. Each carried the election with almost a two to one victory over the second place opponents.

Sapulpa Clinic Scheduled To Open

Through an extensive negotiation between Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox with the Congressional Delegation and Federal Authorities, a \$500,000 appropriation is soon expected to be used for the opening of the Sapulpa Indian Health Clinic. In a recent letter to Chief Cox, Senator Henry Bellmon stated the allocation was on the desk of President Carter awaiting the President's signature.

The Clinic facility was constructed by the Creek Tribe with a \$365,651 Local Public Works Grant through the Economic Development Administration and has been

ready for occupancy for several months. Because Indian Health Service could not secure funding for equipment and staff, it has been necessary to delay services while Chief Cox and Senator Bellmon worked on securing available Federal money resources for I.H.S.

The clinic will be equipped and staffed by I.H.S. and serve

the surrounding Sapulpa area Indian population. Presently, approximately 500 persons per month are being served. With the opening of the new facility, equipped as planned and the staffing of 16 positions, including either one physician and one physician attendant or two physicians, service is expected to triple for Creek Nation outpatient care in that area.



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FORUM

Creek Nation "Secret of Success"

In response to the most recent smear tactic used in the run-off campaign for Principal Chief and Second Chief, this article should be read with the open minded, realistic truthfulness that the Creek people are known for and Creek Nation has been built upon.

The remarkable story of the progress of the Creek People during the 1970's has no equal from any tribe in the United States. No other tribal government has made such inroads so quickly in so many areas.

Gary Breshears, Executive Director of the Creek Nation, stated that even though most tribal governments have been in existence for decades, no one tribe can boast the progress of the Creek nation. "If a person were to compare our progress with other tribes," stated Breshears, "he would have to compare our people with all other tribes. When I performed this comparison, I found that we Creek People are justified in our pride."

While other tribes may have a larger land base due to their reservation status, the Creek Nation is making the most of its land resources. Through the Agri-Business Complex the Creek Nation will soon produce, process and distribute food products to the Indian people.

Breshears stated that while some may irresponsibly sing the praises of automobile plants, pencils and mountain resorts, the facts show that the automobile industry is facing mass lay-offs, you

cannot eat pencils, and the only successful Indian resort was due to the gambling operations. "There is no doubt that we are on the right track," said Breshears.

When asked about as community college, Breshears stated that a plan previously developed left many questions as to the feasibility of building a community college within walking distance of a state college. "This subject will get a closer look within the next year," Breshears remarked.

Now that systems have been developed and are operational in the basic areas of tribal government, health, education, economic development, and housing, the recreational needs are being addressed. The local community centers now being planned and built will provide for recreational activities in the community. Plans are also being formulated for a multi-purpose recreational complex in an appropriate location for swimming, basketball, rodeo, and other activities with large group participation.

"With continued progress over the next four years," Breshears said, "no one could possibly question the successes we have all shared as Creek People."

EDITOR'S NOTE: Gary Breshears, a Creek from Muskogee, is the Executive Director of the Creek Nation Office of Administration. With degrees in psychology and sociology, Breshears was psychologist for the Oklahoma State Department of Health before coming to the Creek Nation in 1976 as Director of Community Services. He has consulted extensively throughout the United States with tribal and local governments in the areas of management, health, social services and education.

The facts are clear. Over the past eight years the strides made by the Creek people through the tribal government have astonished local and tribal governments throughout the United States.

The Creek Nation is contacted daily by representatives from all areas of the country concerning the progress of the Creek people. The secret of our success involves three key elements.

SOUND LEADERSHIP

First, the Creek people have had mature, sound leadership in the offices of the Principal Chief and Vice Chief. Principal Chief Claude A. Cox confronted the problems facing many of our people and developed the innovative solutions we see in operation today. With the active assistance of Vice Chief Solomon McCombs and the concern of the Creek Advisory Council, the Creek leadership maintained the constructive attitude that is essential for progress and success.

COMPETENT STAFF

Second, the Creek Nation has assembled a competent management staff qualified to accomplish the goals of the Creek leadership. By carefully combining experience with training, the management of the Creek Nation has assured quality operations and the highest level of service to the Creek people. Whether negotiating at the national level, or competing with other local governments for increased services for our people, the record established has been unquestionable.

CREEK SPIRIT

Third, and equally important, the Creek Nation is supported by the will and spirit of the Creeks themselves. By maintaining an "open door"

policy, the Principal chief and other leaders have available and receptive to citizen participation. Through organized Indian communities, personal visits, telephone calls and letters, Creeks have made their wishes known and the tribal government has responded.

The above three elements reflect the integrity and pride that we, as Creeks, have always possessed. The success that we have enjoyed during the 1970's underscores our feelings for openness, honesty and hard work.

As we prepare to enter a new decade, our continued progress could suffer a severe setback. An examination of

the challenging candidates clearly shows an absence of the keys to continued success. No challenger has discussed issues. Instead they have chosen, through smear tactics and false information, to tear down the very integrity and pride we feel as a people.

Building an effective tribal government has been a difficult task for the many dedicated and involved Creeks. Unfortunately, the destruction can come quickly through inadequate leadership.

It is very important that on January 5, 1980 we cast our votes for Principal Chief Claude A. Cox, and Solomon McCombs, Second Chief.

GARY BRESHEARS

LETTERS

TO THE
CREEK NATION

Dear Creek Citizen:

I would like for you to please take time and read what I have to say. The election for the Principal Chief of the Creek Nation has come again. There are several candidates. There has been a problem, there has been smear letters sent out on Claude Cox. I feel this is a dirty way to try and win an election by running another candidate down!

When Claude Cox was elected as chief there were hardly any programs to help serve and benefit the people as he has made possible.

He is for the Creek people, to help, to teach, to restore, to build up our government and our tribe, to maintain our Indian customs and heritage. He is not running for the title, he cares.

He has many programs already in progress and he is anxious to get more underway. Our health facilities are very outstanding. Not long ago there were not many places to go for medical care, Claremore was about it. If you look around, you can see the progress in this field. A dental clinic, clinic in Sapulpa, a hospital in Okemah, a mobile clinic to come into the communities, these are a few of his accomplishments.

He is developing land, farming, raising cattle. He's producing agriculture products. Was there any of these things before he was elected?

The Creek Nation Indian Festival has become a very

popular activity. People all over the United States and bordering countries come to it. The Rodeo is growing bigger and bigger. The Olympics started with just the communities, now we have tribes from all over competing. The Princess and Queen contest are very beautiful and exciting events to see. If the Chief didn't care of his people, and think that each and everyone had talent of his very own, would he establish events and activities like these?

Employment is a growing problem. With the programs Claude has started he has employed more people than almost any other business around.

He also is looking into the future, for the children now, the generation to come and the people today. With a man like Claude we can look forward to a better life and prospering tribe.

I'm not trying to tell anyone who to vote for, but you can't overlook the things this man has done. You also have to understand that it takes time for things to work out for the best. If you rush into things, there will always be something overlooked, no matter how small or big, there will be something.

Choose your chief careful, because this is not an easy job. And be sure to look around to see how our tribe has improved from a few years back.

Thank you,
Leigh Ann Beaver, Age 14,
Student of Preston High School

THE

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Census Vital To Creeks

Every ten years the United States Government, through the Census Bureau, attempts to count the number of people living in the United States. The Census Bureau uses several methods to do this, including home visits by enumerators, mailed questionnaires, and others.

The government uses the population count in many ways; however, this census count is most important to the American Indian Tribes in the United States because tribal population determines, in many cases, how much Federal money each Tribe may receive.

A good example is the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) funding formula. The Department of Labor provides CETA money to Tribes. The amount is determined by computing the number of unemployed, underemployed and economically disadvantaged Indians in each tribal area using the latest census count. If unemployment is set at 10 percent for Indians in an area, this 10 percent is multiplied by the total Indian population in the same area to determine how many unemployed Indians need to be served. Not only CETA, but Revenue Sharing and other agencies award money to Tribes based on similar formulas. The more Indians in an area, the more money Tribes receive to serve those people.

The Muskogee Creek Nation strongly urges everyone to do the following things when the Census begins in April, 1980.

1. Identify yourself and your family as being Indian, regardless of blood quantum.
 2. Identify the specific Tribe to which you belong.
 3. Fill out your questionnaire completely and return it so that you and your family are counted, or;
 4. Cooperate with the enumerator should you get a home visit. Remember, they are doing the American Indian a service.
- Be proud of your heritage and at the same time help yourself and fellow members of our American Indian society be standing up and being counted.

Census employment is now being undertaken in the Muskogee (Creek) Nation for the 1980 Census. Within the Creek Tribal area, some part-time field positions will be available. The U. S. Census Bureau is committed to hiring Indian field persons to work highly Indian populated areas

such as the Creek Nation. These positions for part-time will start in March 1980. Applications for these jobs can be submitted by phone to Tom Hardman or Russell Perron, (405) 231-4962, or your tribal contact person, Ron Scott at the Creek Tribal Complex, (918) 756-8700, ext. 294.

Full-time jobs in the Muskogee District Office will be supervisory in nature and require a good background in office and personnel management. If you have worked as a Director, Administrator, Assistant

Director, or Administrative Aide in any Indian Federal program you will qualify.

Applications for full-time employment must be on government form SF 171. These applications, along with job descriptions and salary rates may be requested from Ron Scott at the Tribal Complex or Tom Hardman at the telephone number listed above.

The full-time District Office positions will be filled within the next thirty days; if you intend to apply, please hurry and do so.

More Letters.....

Season's Greetings

Christmas is a time of joy and gladness of reverence and devotion. It's also that season of the year when we find ourselves thinking what we can do to bring others a little extra happiness.

This is the real spirit of Christmas. If it could be extended through the year, this world would be a wonderful place indeed. There is joy in giving, in sharing, that knows no season.

I feel that we at Creek Nation Complex have much of this spirit, helping to make our Nation a happier place in which to work.

I want to express to you appreciation for your loyalty and dedication. And I want to extend to all of you my sincere wishes for a happy Holiday Season and a New Year full of achievement.

CLAUDE COX

LETTER OF THANKS

I'm writing to thank Chief Cox, Vice-Chief Solomon McCombs, the staff and all employees of the Creek Indian Nation. The endless struggle you gave for the cause of your tribe. The interest and love you showed above yourself, above your family, above your Tribal Town cannot be measured for bringing about a powerful Creek Nation. The future of Creek Indian Nation looks good because of your foresight in using Creek Indian Lands which lay idle for many years.

Now there's this Agribusiness just what our forefathers said, that they wanted their children to be fed, and we are now on the road. We need elderly Leadership, to think for us,

someone with Farm and Ranch experience. This will employ lots of people. "Of course you can lead a horse to water but you cannot make him drink it."

Federal monies were used to accomplish all the programs. Thank you for your honesty in governing the Creek Indian Nation in that we have money in the bank earning interest to fall back on. I would hate to see the Creek Nation fall down to where it use to be.

We live in a comfortable Indian House, 5 years now and pay \$23.00 a month. My children have to pay over \$250.00 a month rent where they live and work.

You have done your best. I am thinking and praying for the whole Creek Indian Nation. I thank God we still have people like you.

May God Bless All,
Mollie Wilson

Dear Editor,

Well, I'm finally going to give an opinion. I think the candidates for Creek offices should also include in their information letter whether or not their spouse is an Indian (preferably Creek).

If they do not include this information, then their phone number. I will call them. I will not vote for a candidate who will not give this information. There may be a few other Creeks who feel this same way.
Elisha Cole Rt. 1, Hulbert OK



Election Continued From Pg. 1

The Creek Nation urges everyone who has registered to vote, to do so in the runoff election. Indications of a low turnout was evident in the recent primary. The final tally is as follows:

PRINCIPAL CHIEF	
Cox	2477
Johnson	1336
Harjo	1116
Fields	542
SECOND CHIEF	
McCombs	2403
King	1170
McNac	1011
Kamp	411
Childers	280
REPRESENTATIVES	
TULSA	
Cleghorn	302
Freeman	228
Cosar	191
OKMULGEE	
Moore	573
Dunson	282
Proctor	168
OKEUSKEE	
Hill	236
Roberts	143
Herrod	102

MCINTOSH	
McIntosh	367
Tiger	132
Thompson	134
Hill	69
Lowe	83
Scott	63
Watson	28
Jacobs	29
WAGONER	
Childers	162
Sarty	79
MUSKOGEE	
Chupco	200
Seber	151
CREEK	
Partridge	105
Bigpond	97
Dunn	87
Gibbs	86
Cahwee	83
Allen	35
Kinsey	33
HUGHES	
Wesley	274
McGirt	190
Buck	157

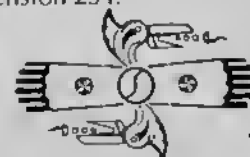


Revenue Sharing

Creek Nation Tribal members will have an opportunity to make written and oral comments on Revenue Sharing funds for fiscal year 1980. Hearings will be held at the Creek Capitol Complex in Okmulgee, January 3 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

These hearings will allow tribal members to have an input as to how Revenue Sharing monies should be used.

For more information contact the Management Information System at the Creek Nation, 918-756-8700 extension 234.



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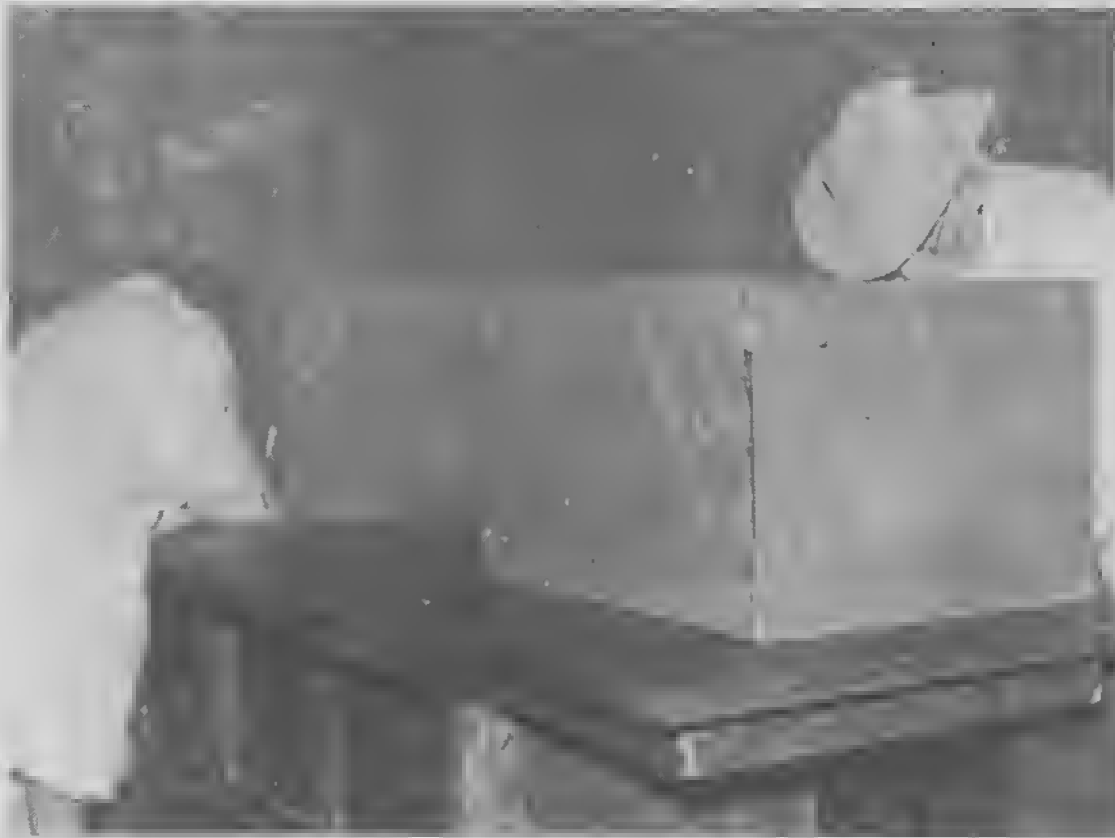
It's not too late to enroll in the GED classes offered at the Glenpool JOM trail on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. or at the Okemah Manpower office on Monday night at 7 p.m. Mae Wilson will be instructing students in math, English, science, social science, and reading through December 20th. Classes are also offered daily, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Mound Building. All interested persons are encouraged to come to these GED classes to enroll. For more information contact Adult Education (918) 756-8700, ext. 278.



Lila Garrett Selected Queen

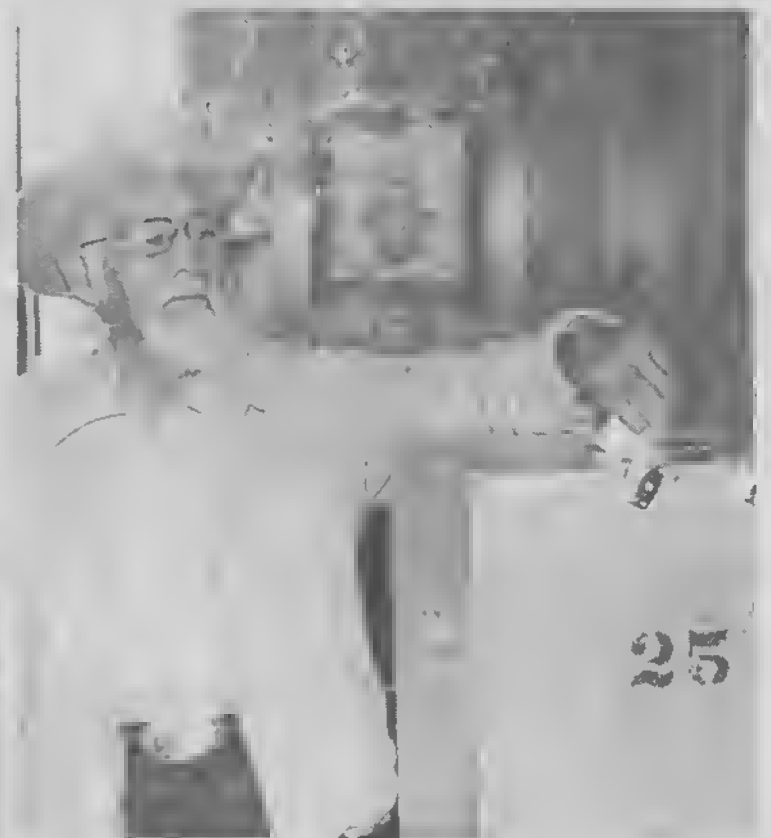
Six year-old Lila Garrett was crowned First grade Carnival Queen for Preston Grade School at Coronation Ceremonies held recently at the Preston Basketball Homecoming game. She was selected a candidate by her classmates and through a fund raising campaign won the title. Lila is the daughter of Lillian Garrett of Preston and Pat Garrett of Muskogee and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jinkie Thomas of Preston.

CREEK ELECTION X



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This is one place where you're on your own.



Casting Ballot

Wilson Chalakee casts his ballot at Okmulgee precinct while...



Distribution of Boxes

Ballot boxes were distributed to precinct workers the evening before election.



That Should Do It!

his wife Mahaley makes her decision valid by doing same.

Run-off Election to be Held **JANUARY 5, 1980**



Counting...

Tabulation of ballots takes place in Council Room of Creek Complex of Okmulgee.



Waiting For Results



Well...What Do Ya Think?



M-M-M-M Good

Okmulgee Indian Community serves chili and stew late into the night to election observers.

FOR SALE: APIS & Crafts



Do your Christmas shopping at Creek Nation Arts and Crafts, located in the Round Mound! Many items are reduced for quick sales. Shawls, Key Rings, Ribbon Shirts, Leather Items, and Marame are among the many articles that are on sale. Take advantage of our lay-a-way terms.

Creek Youth Council

BY DAVID KING

In a year filled with tribal issues, campaigns, and elections there is in its beginning stages a political force among the Creek People which in the future will become as important politically as was the recent ratification of our Creek Constitution.

This political force, although not yet recognized in tribal elections, will one day run our tribal government. This force is our tribal youth.

In an effort to acquaint the Creek young people in the increasingly complex aspects of tribal government the Creek Nation Special Education Experience program has begun the organization of an Indian Junior Council patterned after the regular Creek Nation National Council. Although there are already a few intertribal youth councils in existence this will be the first Junior Council made up solely of high school age members all belonging to one tribe.

Esther Holloway, manager for the program, feels that the Indian Junior Council thru its activities will develop more cohesiveness, dedication, and patriotism among our Creek young people. By introducing our youth to the concept of tribal government they will become more knowledgeable about its administration and programs their needs and functions.

CREEK RECEIVES HONOR

William J. Benham, a Creek Indian, received the highest honor of the Department of the Interior at a ceremony in Washington, D. C. November 13. Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus gave the Distinguished Service Board to Benham "in recognition of an exemplary career and outstanding service to Indian people with Bureau of Indian Affairs."

A native of Holdenville, Oklahoma, Benham is a graduate of East Central Oklahoma University. He earned both his Master's and Doctor's degrees from the University of Oklahoma. He also did a year of postgraduate study at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

Still in its organization stage, plans are to organize a youth council in each community allowing them one representative to the Creek Nation Indian Junior Council similar to the representation of the actual Creek National Council.

Working thru the 28 Creek communities and the area high schools the program has scheduled four seminars to be taught by tribal administrators on the subject of tribal government.

In addition to the seminars the Junior Council will research and develop their own constitution and by laws thru which issues and problems facing our Creek Tribe may be debated in order

to come up with a final solution. The council will also elect officers, including delegates to represent them at different Indian happenings around the state.

These elected delegates will also set in on the regular Creek National Council meetings later reporting the proceedings back to the Junior Council. Holloway hopes that one day the junior council members may become officially recognized by the National Council.

"By acquainting our youth about tribal affairs they will become more involved and hopefully motivate themselves towards strengthening our tribal government," Holloway said.

Energy Program to Benefit Creeks

Principal Chief Claude A. Cox announces that the Creek Nation will receive \$262,283 to assist low income families facing hardships this winter. Chief Cox was notified in a telegram from the Community Services Administration.

Chief Cox stated, "In previous years we have been able to help our people pay utility bills and process food orders through local grocery stores."

"The amount of this allocation is nearly four times that of last year," Chief Cox said. The Principal Chief remarked that the reason for such an increase was due, to a great extent, to the efficient manner that the Creek Nation has operated the program in the past. "We have run the program through our

organized Indian communities throughout the area and the involvement of our people has been tremendous," said Chief Cox.

The program once again will be coordinated through the Creek Nation Social Research and Development Administration. As soon as guidelines are completed by the federal government and the Creek Nation is notified to begin the program, application will be taken.

Chief Cox expects to push for the program to begin as soon after the first of the year as possible, depending upon federal action. For more information concerning the program, contact Steve Wilson, Creek Nation Complex, (918) 756-8700 extension 290.

Chief of Staff Elected for Creek Nation Hospital

OKEMAH - Dr. Don Bowen was recently elected chief of Medical Staff at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in

Okemah by the All Indian Creek Nation Board of Health Affairs. The Creek Nation Board of Health Affairs hold regular meetings to discuss hospital policies and procedures.

Dr. Bowen is a Creek Indian from Dustin, Oklahoma and has a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. He received his medical degree from Harvard

University and finished his medical education with a 3 year residency in Family Practice in Glen Cove, New York and is a Board Certified Family Practice Physician. In accepting this new position, Dr. Bowen stated, "I have worked with other Indian tribes, in the areas of health across the United States and it make me proud to accept this position because of the distinction of being Chief of Medical Staff at the only Indian operated Community Hospital in the country; More proud because my tribe has set that precedent."



Robert Davis

Activities Director Named To Bacone

Students on the Bacone College campus in Muskogee, Okla., are finding that they are able to participate in more activities than ever before, and all because of their new activities director, Robert Davis.

Davis, a full-blood Creek from Holdenville, became the activities director at the college last summer. Bacone College, whose mission is to educate American Indian youth, will celebrate its Centennial in 1980.

"My first goal as activities director is to reach the majority of kids who probably don't belong to clubs or varsity squads," Davis said. "These are the kids I want to reach first."

Anyone familiar with college life realizes that students can have a lot of time on their hands, especially if they are far from home. And, according to Davis, too much extra time can be used in the wrong way.

"I don't want to shut out kids in clubs or sports, but to offer them a chance to participate in a different field. We're talking about kids on campus," he said.

He also wants to involve faculty, staff and administration in some activities along with the students, so he places a schedule of coming events on bulletin boards all over campus.

"Kids now stop me to tell me they read the bulletin boards now, and to ask if they can put

them up in their dormitories," he said. "Even that simple question makes me feel good."

He is the son of Jessie Davis of Holdenville, and was graduated from Pleasant Grove High School in Seminole in 1967. He received his B.S. degree in physical education in 1971, and his master's degree in education in 1977, both from East Central University.

Davis is also bilingual.

"I do speak Creek fluently," he said. "That's about what the whole family speaks at home. That's all you hear." His sister, Lorene, teaches Seminole at East Central University, and is area coordinator for the Seminole bilingual program.

Davis lives on the Bacone campus with his wife Shirley and their two daughters, Angela, 4, and Amanda, 1. In the short time in which he has been on the Bacone campus, he has become a familiar, popular figure.

During one Bacone Hour, the time in which the campus gathers together at the chapel, Davis held up both hands in the victory sign and said that was the only sign he wanted to see students' hands make.

"Now, when I go down the street, kids are doing it," he said. "That's the only way you've got to think that you're going to do it." With Davis' influence and enthusiasm, college life has taken on new meaning for students at Bacone College.

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHECOTAH COMMUNITY NEWS

Sharon Jackson from the Deep Fork Community Action Program on Community Food and Nutrition Program was in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Belcher taking applications on Food Stamps and Social Security.

We have had a real good turn out and we are now looking forward to her to make another visit with our Indian people in our community. She will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wesley on December 11 at 9:00 a.m. in Cherotah.

Also our area elderly went traveling to Henryetta for the elderly Thanksgiving at the Henryetta Civic Center, those taking part were Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wesley, Mr. and Mrs.

Jim Lewis, Mrs. Hanna July, Mrs. Fannie Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. John Pignon Drivers were: Jennie Cheek, Francis Belcher, and Ira Kaulay. We are planning on another trip to Henryetta for the Christmas dinner, December 19.

Also for the month of December, we have located two big job sights, the sights are here, near our community. Approximately 40 acres of timber for us to cut and have wood for our elderly.

Our community meeting on December 3 was cancelled due to the election. Our next meeting will be December 17 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wesley at 7 p.m. We would like to express our appreciation for using the Wesley home for our meetings.



(L to R) Ken Messer, Gino Roanhorse, Darrel Tarpalechee, Kip Johnson and George Dunn were among the Morris Indian students who were recently honored for their athletic abilities on the Morris football teams.



1st Place Winner

Scott Takes 1st Place at Santa Fe

Buddy Scott, a member of the Dewar Indian Community, won first place in the musical instrument category at the 58th Annual Indian Market, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Held each fall by the Southwestern Association on Indian Affairs, the market has grown into the finest Arts and Crafts show in the southwest. This year more than 300 artists displayed their work at the outdoor show held on the Santa Fe Plaza.

Scott's winning entry at the show was a traditional Indian flute constructed of ebony wood inlaid with turquoise. Because of the extremely hard quality of ebony, Scott was able to get an unusually smooth texture and unique sound, one of the qualities by which the competition was judged.

Scott has been making flutes for approximately six years. He is one of the few Indian craftsmen that still practice this tedious art.

The Morris Indian Community honored members of the Morris Eagle football team and the elderly with a special dinner on November 26.

Special guests included Edwin Moore, Education Director of Muskogee Area BIA; and Steve Wilson and George Tiger of the Creek Nation. Mr. Moore, in a short statement to the athletes

pointed out how athletic programs many times prepare a youth for the "game of life" by being able to handle certain pressures.

Steve Wilson expressed the need of the Indian youth getting involved with various programs that high schools offer, as well as respecting the elders for their wisdom and leadership throughout life.

KELLYVILLE COMMUNITY

The November meeting of Kellyville Community was held at the new Creek County Fairgrounds building just north of Kellyville, near the 33 and 66 Highway intersection.

Chairman Dimmie Washburn was in charge and short business meeting was held beginning at 7 p.m. Opening prayer was given by Jim Cahwee.

Claude Cox, Principal Chief of the Creek Indian Tribe was present, and reviewed progress of the projects being carried out and projects planned for the future.

Chief Cox is currently running for this third term of office as Chief of the Creek Nation and Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh was present to speak in his behalf. Director of the Creek Nation told of the 25 housing units under construction and other planned projects.

Other members of the staff; Mark Downing-Health care, Louis Fish, Creek Nation

Housing; George Tiger from the Muskogee Nation News; and Matt Tiger, Planning Dept. were present and told of the progress being made in their respective fields.

Other candidates present who are running for the Office of Principal Chief of the Creek Tribe were: Mrs. Shirley Eields, and Keeper Johnson.

Others present to campaign for a seat on the Creek National Council were Delbert Dunn, Elwood Bigpond, Jonas Partridge, Warren Allen, Mrs. Jerry Kinsey, and Mose Cahwee.

A large number were present for this meeting, refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed by all.

Closing prayer was given by Rev. Jonas Partridge.

WETUMKA COMMUNITY

We are going to take the elderly Indians on a shopping trip to McAlester December 13.

Lillie Lewis of the Adult Education is coming down December 17 at 6:30 p.m. to show a film. There will be a

Tiger, acting as Master of Ceremonies, recognized the accomplishments of the Morris high football team by

presenting tokens of appreciation on behalf of the Morris Community to the Indian athletes. The Elderly were also presented tokens for their contributions throughout the years.

Christmas Party for the Community following the film.

We are taking some elderly Indians from the community to Henryetta, December 19 for the elderly dinner which is given by the Creek Nation.

We are taking beadwork every Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night. They are making hair ties, medallions, necklaces and key chains.

We will have a Food Sale on December 15, 11 a.m. til 2 p.m. Also there will be drawing on a quilt and food baskets at 1 p.m. The money raised will be used for expenses for the Center.

TWIN HILLS COMMUNITY

The Twin Hills Community will be selling tickets for a 12 gauge shot gun. The drawing will be held December 31.

We would like to thank Creek Nation for donating a trailer to be used as a Community Building.

Community News Continued...

Our new coordinator is Gladys Baker if you have need for any help from the community you can contact her at 366-3732. Our monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of each month. We would like to see everyone turn out for them.

GYPSY COMMUNITY

Anita Bucktrot, a freshman journalism major from Bristow at Seminole Junior College, has been named Assistant Editor of the student newspaper the Seminole Collegian, Byron Evers, journalism instructor and faculty advisor for the paper has announced.

She is a 1977 graduate of Depew High School and was editor of the high school newspaper during her senior year, and also worked on the school year book staff.

Miss Bucktrot also was elected secretary-treasurer of the Student Senate, the governing body of students in a recent election.

Chief Cox Expresses Gratitude

I am taking this opportunity to express my gratitude for the support Creek Voters have shown me in the recent Creek election for Principal Chief. However, the task has not yet been completed; and will not be until after January 5 with the runoff election.

Again, I am asking for your support by asking you to return to the polls January 5 and again elect me Principal Chief of Creek Nation so that together we can continue the Creek progress that means so much to the Creek people.

BRISTOW

Bristow held their monthly community meeting, November 29. New officers were elected for the coming year. Those elected were: Ed Frank, Chairman, John Bigpond, Vice-Chairperson, Emmarine Bigpond, Secretary-Treasurer, and Barbara McCall, reporter. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and is to be held at the Bristow Village Community Center.

McCombs Thanks Voters

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me in the recent primary election. It is with support such as yours that has made it possible for the Creek Nation to enjoy the rapid growth that we have seen since this present administration has been in office.

We have the most outstanding tribal operations in the United States, one which has served as a model for other tribes. I think we should be very proud of the programs and the beautiful facilities which we have in the Creek Nations.

I want to urge everyone to vote January 5. We need to take advantage and use the right to vote. Once again thanks to everyone who has supported me.



Elderly Dinner

Principal Chief Claude Cox, center, visits with Lucinda Green of Weleetka and Jim Scott of Yeager, both over 100 years. The two were part of the 200 elderly tribal members that were honored by Creek Nation.

Dinner Honors Creek Elderly

I DO NOT SEEK TO FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE OLD; INSTEAD, I SEEK THE VISIONS THEY SOUGHT.

Sharing stories, and enjoying traditional religious services were just part of the activities held recently in honoring Creek Nation elderly. Approximately 200 elderly tribal members from 26 Indian communities in the Creek Nation were honored with a Thanksgiving dinner at the

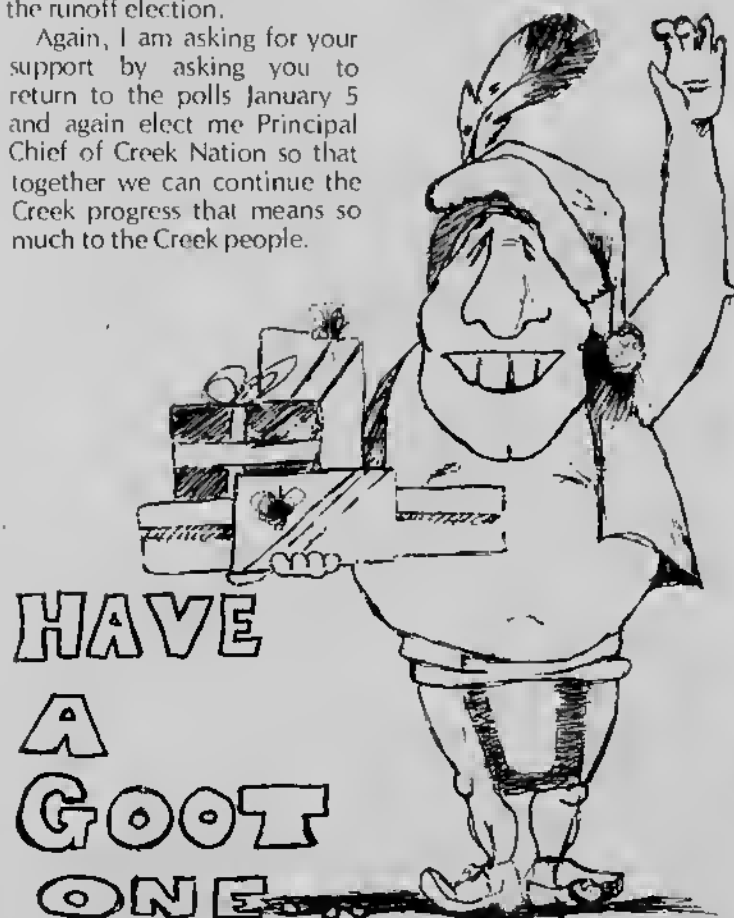
Civic Center in Henryetta, Oklahoma on November 16.

The dinner acted as a reunion of sorts for many of the elderly as they shared memories and stories during this day. The highlight of the activities seemed to be the religious services which were held prior to the dinner as traditional Creek hymns were sung as well as the message being delivered in the Native language.

In a short message by

Principal Chief Claude Cox, he stressed the fact that, "many times we have a tendency to forget our elderly and through activities such as this, we can rekindle the pride and spirit of the people we look to for guidance and understanding."

The dinner was sponsored by the Division of Community Services of the Creek Nation with transportation being provided by the respective Community Coordinators and Aides.



IAP Staff

The Creek Nation I.A.P. STAFF WOULD LIKE TO SAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS". They are: 1st row-Dennis Juneau, A.J. Tiger, Elmer Harjo, Hillis Manley, 2nd row-Robert Francis, Russel Watashe, John Collins, Bobby McAfee, David McGirt, Scott Underwood; 3rd row-Mike McBroom, Rocky Lee, Jack Reddick, Rick Wolf, John Marshall, Bob Long, Robert Mitchell and Sam Marshall.